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Feb. 1
Big Spring's Got Talent
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Feb. 7
Chamber Extravaganza
Howard Co. Fairgrounds
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Feb. 8
Big Spring Symphony presents:
Beethoven is 250

March 7-8
Cowboys and Heels
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Educational industrial hemp production seminars set for Monday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

A series of educational meetings addressing the hot topic of hemp production in Texas will kick off Monday, in the area. Meetings will take place in Abilene on Monday morning, with the second meeting taking place at 1 p.m. at the AgriLife Extension office of Howard County – 2411 Echols Drive.

"This meeting will be one of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's first meetings in the area to address Texas industrial Hemp production," Tommy Yeater, local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Howard County, said. "With this meeting we hope to offer prospective producers practical information and insight to help them make informed decisions on future opportunities in industrial Hemp production."

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Monday, Jan. 6
1 p.m.
AgriLife Extension Office
2411 Echols Drive, Big Spring

The third meeting will take place later this month on Jan. 22 in Tom Green County at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Tom Green 4-H Build-

ing at 3168 U.S. Highway 67 in San Angelo.

"Texas hemp production will become legal at some point in 2020," said Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock. "When depends on how quickly the Texas Department of Agriculture can review and issue licenses once USDA approves Texas rules. But anyone who may be interested in growing hemp needs to be prepared. You would be ill-advised to wait until you receive your license to begin preparation."

AgriLife Extension does not support or oppose hemp, explained Trostle. "We are here to help educate our clientele and provide them the resources and knowledge to make informed decisions about hemp," he said.

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Lectures series returns in 2020
Brown Bag Luncheon lecture series starts up a new series Tuesday, Jan. 7



HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez

The Brown Bag Lecture Luncheon Series will pick back up next week. The lectures are free to attend and the community is encouraged to join in. The meetings will take place each week, at Noon inside the Heritage Museum.

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

The Brown Bag Lecture Series, which was affectionately named History Nerds by those who attended in 2019, is picking back up for 2020. The series this year is titled The Wisdom of History. The lectures are a series on DVD, and Dr. Rufus Fears is again the lecturer.

The lecture series begins Tuesday, Jan. 7, at noon, in one of the meeting rooms in the basement of Howard County Library, located at 500 S. Main St. Elevators are available for anyone with mobility concerns. Best of all, these lectures are free to all attendees.

"Dr. Fears is a great story-teller," states Nancy Michaelis, who has become the facilitator during the lectures, but does not like to be referred to as the teacher. "The lectures take about half an hour most of the time, and we have group discussions afterwards relating the history and events presented during the lecture to present day events. I think you will find the series stimulating and though-provoking."

The first lecture is titled Why We

Study History, and will be more of an introduction. The following weeks will consist of the following topics in this order for a total of 36 lectures:

- World War I and the Lessons of History
- Hitler's Rise and the Lessons of History
- World War II and the Lessons of History
- Is Freedom a Universal Value?
- Birth of Civilization in the Middle East
- The Trojan War and the Middle East
- Ancient Israel and the Middle East
- Ancient Greece and the Middle East
- Athenian Democracy and Empire
- The Destiny of the Athenian Democracy
- Alexander the Great and the Middle East
- The Roman Republic as Superpower
- Rome of the Caesars as Superpower
- Rome and the Middle East
- Why the Roman Empire Fell
- Christianity

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Jump start a healthy new year

YMCA women's 14-day bootcamp starts Monday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

New year, new resolutions and an opportunity to jump start a new healthy lifestyle, with the 2020 Women's Bootcamp class being offered at the YMCA of Big Spring.

"It's the start of a new year and with that comes a new group of those wanting to drop a few holiday pounds and get into a workout routine," Dathan Jones, YMCA Director, said. "However, we also know the desire to get into a healthy routine is there, but so is the discomfort of working out in front of all these new people. We are offering the bootcamp for women as a way to provide a comfortable setting to allow you to get started."

The boot camp is scheduled for 14 consecutive days, starting Jan. 6 and concluding Jan. 19. Each class will be 30-minutes and begin at 5 a.m. The official weigh-in will be Sunday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. and all ages are welcome to join in the class.

"We want to encourage those ladies wanting to attend to go ahead and sign up early, but if they want to show up Monday morning and sign up that works too," Jones said.

Encouraging a great healthy lifestyle in 2020 is the goal for local families, here at the YMCA. Whether you are a beginner when it comes to working out or at the experienced level, Jones said all are encouraged to attend the bootcamp.

"When mom starts working out it usually happens that the rest of the family follows," he said. "Before long we see Dad joining in on the workouts and then the kids get involved in the activities we offer, and before long a healthy lifestyle is routine for the family."

He added, "We just want to do what we can to support and help kick start them on this new journey."

Membership fee for the class is \$40 and non-members can attend the class for \$50, which according to Jones is

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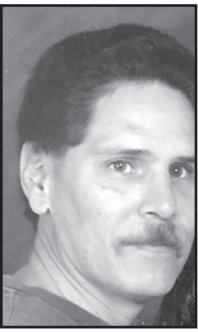
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Obituaries

Jesus "Jesse" Tarin



Jesus "Jesse" Tarin, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jesse was born Oct. 6, 1960 in Pecos, Texas. Jesse is survived by his wife, Maria Tarin of Big Spring;

his children, Erica Tarin of Idaho, Jessica Alvarado of Odessa, Laura Rodriguez and husband, Jesse, Jeanette Vanderpool and husband, Matthew, Destiny Tarin, Makayla Tarin, Isaac Tarin, and Ishmael Tarin and wife, Kayla, all of Big Spring; 18 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; five sisters; and two brothers.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, Tomasa Tarin and Santiago and Benita Tarin.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOHNNY BARRAZA**, 51, of 2812 Coronado, was arrested on a warrant for driving with invalid license, and another outstanding warrant from another agency..
- **ROBERT NAVVARRETTE LUJAN**, 46, of 1305 Lamar Ave., was arrested on a charge of driving with invalid or suspended license with previous conviction.
- **CAREY NATHANIEL CULLISON**, 26, of 1337 S. Alleghany Ave., Odessa, Texas was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass of a property, building, aircraft or vehicle.
- **CARY MACK LOYA**, 53, of 1600 S. Lancaster St., #501, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CECIL CARSON**, 27, of 538 Westover, Apt. 238, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **CODY WAYNE ROBERTS**, 30, of 306 W. Decatur St., Chico, Texas, was arrested on a charge

of public intoxication.

- **DAVID WAYNE GRANT**, 49, of 8305 N. Service Rd., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **TRACI RENE MARTINEZ**, 42, of 3705 Connally St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **CHEZARAHY FUENTEZ VELASQUEZ**, 35, of 4083 N. State St., Fort Stockton, Texas, was arrested on a charge of assault by contact.
- **GILBERT JOSEPH JORDAN**, 36, of 123 CR 273, Maryneal, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at FM 2599 and Wilkerson Rd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 16th St., and at the North Service Road and Midway Rd.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Lancaster St., and in the 600 block of E. 12th St.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of S. Benton St.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, 3200 block of S. Hwy 87, and the 7000 block of N. Service Rd.

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 2900 block of Sword Dr.

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

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of Donley St.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1300 block of Madison St.

• **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 600 block of Linda Lane.

• **RUNAWAY** 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 69 inmates at the time of this report.

• **STEVEN AUDIS EMMONS**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for failure to appear-possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and failure to appear-possession of a controlled sub-

stance penalty group 1 (one to four grams).

• **DAVID WAYNE GRANT**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **JORDAN GILBERT JOSEPH**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for violating bond/protective order.

• **TRACI RENE MARTINEZ**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

• **CHARLES WILLIAM POOL III**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), abandoning or endangering a child, a warrant for assault family violence, and a warrant for a parole violation.

• **CHEZARAHY VELASQUEZ**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault-class C.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of E. 13th St.. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at 3rd and Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at FM 700 and Goliad. Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Abrams. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of S. Bell. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

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

• Christa Castaneda, Candidate for Railroad Commissioner of Texas, will be in Big Spring,

at the Mayo Sauce Diner, 206 S. Main St., on Sunday, Jan 12, at 1 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the candidate.

• Kelly Stone, Candidate for Railroad Commission of Texas, will be in Big Spring on

Monday, Jan 13, 2020, at Howard County Democrats Headquarters, 1408 Scurry St., at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the candidate.

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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.

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

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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 325-212-860

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 sup-

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MEETING

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Trostle said Texas A&M AgriLife has been commended for its realistic assessment during meetings with potential growers, as well as through written and video materials produced to educate the public about potential pitfalls and possibilities within the new industry.

“As Texans well know, there is a lot of hype around the CBD aspect of hemp,” Trostle said. “But prices are now at their lowest since agricultural hemp production was initiated about five years ago. Prices are down as much as 70% since earlier this year. This substantially curtails all those

unbelievable per-acre revenues that some earlier adopters report having achieved.”

The cost to attend the meeting is \$10 per meeting, per person for members of the public. AgriLife employees will be able to attend the meeting with a complimentary seat. Participants can take care of registration and pay at the door.

Seminar speakers will include Trostle and Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist, and Reagan Noland, AgriLife Extension agronomist, both of San Angelo.

Topics covered will include:

- The background of industrial hemp.
- Opportunities in industrial hemp for fiber, grain and CBD.
- Common questions about hemp production.

- Major issues surrounding planting and poor planting seed quality.

- Preliminary agronomic considerations for production.

- What the anticipated Texas Department of Agriculture rules will be.

- Economic considerations and risks.

- Q&A about industrial hemp.

For further information about industrial hemp for Texas, consult AgriLife Extension resources at <https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/hemp>.

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Weather



Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 64. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 39. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 65.

Monday Night: Clear, with a low around 32.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 56.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 65.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 60.

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

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Michaelis states that lunch time seems to draw a bigger crowd. Other time slots have been tried, but evening lectures get very few attendees. Everyone who attends at lunch time is more than welcome to bring their own meal and enjoy during the lecture and discussion.

If you have any questions about this lecture series, drop by the library on Tuesday at noon. You will find the atmosphere very casual, and attendees are welcome to attend any or all lectures at their convenience.

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

Take Note

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

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• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food

over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, Jan. 6 and Tuesday Jan. 7, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School

located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Rannels Street.

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Noemi Marie Gonzalez, infant, died Dec. 30, 2019. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. this morning at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jesus "Jessie" Tarin, 59, died Sunday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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For more information, contact Dathan Jones at 432-254-9949 or stop by the YMCA to register.

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Stories from an East Texas Cowboy

“Tell all them hands out there in the west

These East Texas cowboys are still the best.”

Carroll Langham of Grapeland is one of those rare and fortunate individuals who can have outrageous experiences and relate them with vigor.

He writes cowboy poetry and stories and has put some of them in 2 books.

Their titles are THE CUSTOM COWBOYS OF HOUSTON COUNTY and THE RETURN OF THE CUSTOM COWBOYS OF HOUSTON COUNTY.

His wife kept hearing his stories and encouraged him to start writing some of them. That's just what he has done the past 5 years.

One of his stories is about a friend of his who killed a chicken snake just before the vet came to examine some cows.

“He thought how funny it

would be to put that snake in one of them cows that the vet was checking. So he lubed the snake up good and put it in the cow's rectum. The vet ran his arm in the cow and there was something in there that wasn't supposed to be. He began pulling the snake out and it was folded up pretty good. When it came out and fell on the floor it started to unfold. It looked like it was alive. The vet was so scared he turned and ran, scrambling to get away from that snake.”

You just can't make up stuff like that.

Carroll writes poems about dogs.

“I've had a lot of dogs and some good 'uns I've had. But a dog that won't handle can sure make you mad.

A dog that will find and a dog that will stay

Can sure make you have a much better day.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bypass route

Dear Editor,

A lot has been written about the idea of a Port to Plains route which would go through Big Spring, and I feel that it has the potential to be a great benefit to the city. Big Spring is at a major crossroad, and it could open up commerce which is going north-south or east-west, or any combination of this.

We recently traveled to Austin, for a Christmas Concert at Concordia University, Texas. As such we traveled a portion of what would be the Port to Plains route, from Big Spring to Brady. The worst portion of that route is the 2 miles of "NEW" road which was constructed a few years ago, was it 4? The road bed is breaking up, the approaches and exits from the overpasses are uneven, water seeps through the pavement for days after a rain. Part of this was in such bad shape about 1 1/2 years ago, that patches were applied, which are extremely rough, and are now breaking up again.

Time has been bought, answers have been delayed and responses have been hedged as “squirmers” have opted for the “Texas two-step” instead of crystal clear comebacks to probing inquiries. I've “rambled” a bit-again. Let's shoot for “bullseye centeredness” to sharpen focus on this new year, one when we're bound to grow weary of ads, speeches and even mere conversations referencing “2020 vision.”

Admission of this probability can rescue us from an ever-growing delay tactic mentioned in paragraph one. We can better use “2020 references” to replace a hackneyed expression used by many of us far too often: AT THE END OF THE DAY.

Politicians have worn this expression to the nub, but I'll stick up for 'em to this extent. Utterance of these six words buys for them a few more seconds to think of answers that will be “okay” for a time, at least until the next news cycle, fake or real.

At a time in history when transparency is touted by commoners and royalty alike, we have the chance to think about potential usage during 2020's sudden crossroads, dead ends and detours.

If we need a few seconds to process whatever is happening “rat now,” let us instead think, utter, sing or hum these words: AT THE START OF THE DAY. You can bet politicians will pounce on this probability, including, of

course, their ownership of “2020 vision.”

Ditties may even include AT-SOTD. Even though the letters fall woefully short of spelling a word, beginning letters of “at the start of the day” have a nice “ring,” deserving abbreviation status despite having no hope of achieving acronym status.

Please allow me to employ directness. Crystal clarity is the goal.

It may be that “2020 vision” will help, and this year can be a starting place for businesses across the land to answer. Their “hemming” may be exceeded only by their “hawing,” and “throat-clearing” may muffle their responses. Count on some, however, to trot out “at-the-start-of-the-day” time-buying

before truly answering questions that harbor in the minds of tens of millions of older Americans: DO YOU OR DO YOU NOT OFFER SENIOR DISCOUNTS?...

Many stores' “front-liners” have historically been wishy-washy on such queries. “Front-liners” are the folks “in the trenches,” often servers in restaurants, or other retail places, who hear the “discount question” daily.

Frequently, employees are “new here, and need to ask the manager.”

Some of us are borderline embarrassed when in such situations....

What, really, do we want? We want CLARITY. Firms offering such discounts should dis-

The only thing worse than a dog that won't hunt

is a dog that works behind instead of in front.”

Then there's the story about his buddy Johnny who had some deer hunters on his land.

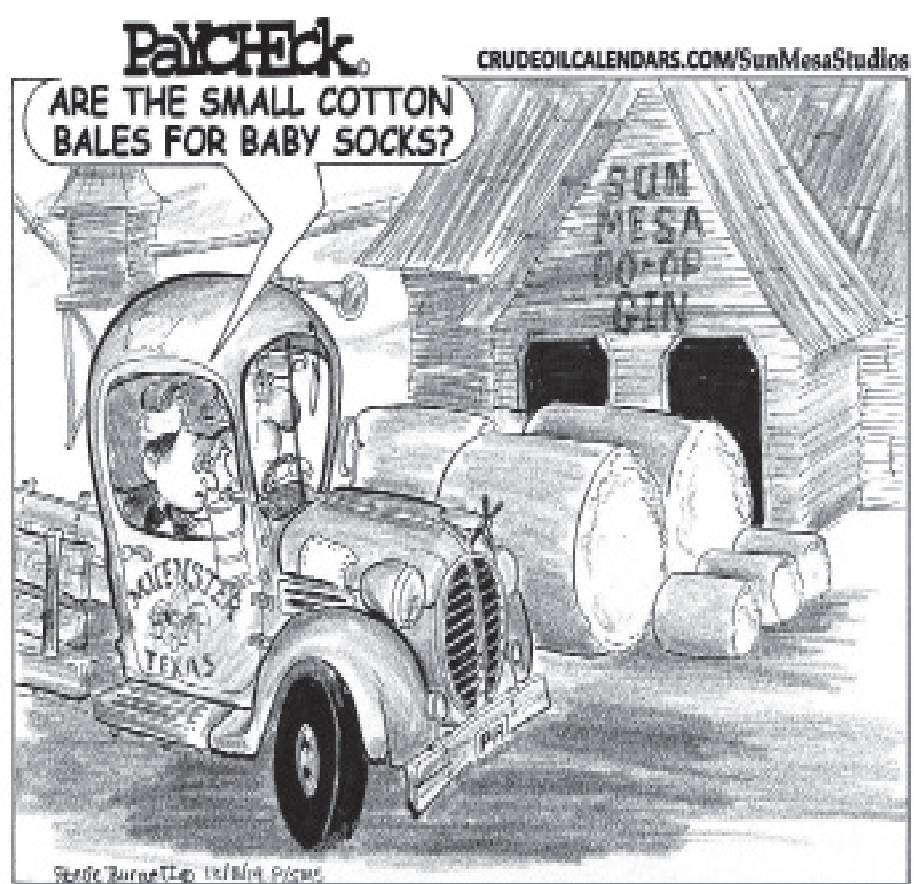
“He got to be friendly with them. They had killed a deer and were out there skinning it. One old big heavy boy was bent over skinning on the deer and his britches were kind of open on the back. Well Johnny had some red M & Ms in his pocket that he had been eating. So he just dropped about 6 of them red M & Ms down the guy's pants.

He was busy with the deer and didn't notice anything.

So that night when he went to take a shower all them red M & Ms had melted in his underwear. He thought he was bleeding to death. He went to the emergency room. Johnny said when he got back the next day he was one mad cowboy.

They told him at the hospital it was just red M & Ms.”

In his writing, Carroll uses his own vocabulary.



What happened? Who at the Texas DOT designed this project, and more importantly who accepted it? Our tax dollars were NOT well spent.

Thank you.
Alan Abel
Big Spring

At the start of the day

play signs proudly, on the wall, menu or front window.

Seniors (as well as military veterans) shouldn't have to ask.

I realize that for some franchise businesses, such discounts are not corporate decisions. They are often left to the discretion of local franchises.

A couple of examples are McDonald's and Chili's.

Locally, our Chili's offers senior discounts, but the courtesy is not mentioned on menus or other where. Regrettably, one must ask, however awkward it may seem.

At the onset of a new year, one in which we'll have “2020 vision” “at the start of the day,” here's a corporate call to business giants, as well as “mom-and-pop” places across the land. Decide what your policy on senior (and/or veteran) discounts is going to be, then stick to it. Remember, in the hustle and bustle of things when taxes are due and Christmas bills arrive in the mail sooner than expected, we need some GOOD NEWS, expressed proudly and clearly.

Yep, life was simpler back when. At Lum and Abner's “Jot'Em Down Store,” frankness reigned. Here's the sign they posted: “If you need it, we got it; if we ain't got it, you don't need it.”

Recalling a favorite old hymn, I hope that during 2020, most will be well with your soul.

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DAILY PRAYER

You, Lord, give us the answer to our prayers when we listen with all our heart.

Amen

<p>New Locations: Howard County</p>		<p>feet</p>	<p>5-1/2" @ 17,970 feet w/ 2,450 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7375</p>
<p>Parsley Energy Operations, LLC 303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Austin, TX 78701-0000 Johnnethan Washington, Reg. Analyst survey (512) 600-8855</p> <p>Datum: NAD 27</p>	<p>#4202H Guitar South "17-8-A", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40503 6.30 miles southwest of Big Spring A-1022, Section 20, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Total Depth: 7870 feet Latitude 032.181258, Longitude -101.549717.</p> <p>275' FNL, 1200' FWL of 804.4-acre lease 275' FNL, 1200' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Parsley Energy Operations, LLC 303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Austin, TX 78701-0000 (512) 600-8821 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>San Andres 3563' Clear Fork 5941' Spraberry 6583' Dean 7938' Wolfcamp 8336'</p>	<p>#4315H Dwight Gooden "6-7-H", API #42-173-37842 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2564' GR 13.80 miles northwest of Garden City A-958, Section 6, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>1356' FSL, 500' FEL of the survey Latitude 031.9424262, Longitude -101.6927096 Total Depth: 8278 feet. PBTD: 8278 feet.</p> <p>Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 638 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 1,288 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 728 Spud: 3-17-18. Completed: 7-10-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 8246 feet w/ 710 sx. MS tool @ 4711 feet w/ 1,055 sx. 5-1/2" @ 14,558 feet w/ 2,045 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7628</p> <p>Perfs: 7972-17,898</p>
<p>Parsley Energy Operations, LLC 303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Austin, TX 78701-0000 Johnnethan Washington, Reg. Analyst survey (512) 600-8855</p> <p>Datum: NAD 27</p>	<p>#4206H Guitar South "17-8-C", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40504 6.30 miles southwest of Big Spring A-1022, Section 20, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Total Depth: 7855 feet Latitude 032.181178, Longitude -101.549692.</p> <p>305' FNL, 1200' FWL of 804.4-acre lease 305' FNL, 1200' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Parsley Energy Operations, LLC 303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Austin, TX 78701-0000 (512) 600-8821 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>San Andres 3558' Clear Fork 5940' Spraberry 6579' Dean 7936' Wolfcamp 8079'</p>	<p>#4215H Dwight Gooden "6-8-HA", API #42-173-37841 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2564' GR 13.80 miles northwest of Garden City A-958, Section 6, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>1326' FSL, 500' FEL of the survey Latitude 031.9424763, Longitude -101.6930884 Total Depth: 8118 feet. PBTD: 8118 feet.</p> <p>Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 905 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 1,075 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 687 Spud: 3-18-18. Completed: 7-16-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 8538 feet w/ 770 sx. MS tool @ 4715 feet w/ 1,290 sx. 5-1/2" @ 14,381 feet w/ 2,015 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7530</p> <p>Perfs: 8486-14,482</p>
<p>SM Energy Company El: NA 6301 Holiday Hill Road Midland, TX 79707-0000 Jill Hamilton, Regulatory Tech survey (432) 848-4855</p>	<p>#1424LS Viper McMurphy "C", drill horizontal, Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40491 15.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-1154, Section 14, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Total Depth: 9000 feet X=798568, Y=314748. Datum: NAD 27 662' FNEL, 5776' FNWL of 1,285.3-acre lease 662' FNEL, 463' FNWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>San Andres 3558' Clear Fork 5940' Spraberry 6579' Dean 7936' Wolfcamp 8079'</p>	<p>#4215H Dwight Gooden "6-8-HA", API #42-173-37841 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2564' GR 13.80 miles northwest of Garden City A-958, Section 6, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>1326' FSL, 500' FEL of the survey Latitude 031.9424763, Longitude -101.6930884 Total Depth: 8118 feet. PBTD: 8118 feet.</p> <p>Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 905 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 1,075 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 687 Spud: 3-18-18. Completed: 7-16-18. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 8538 feet w/ 770 sx. MS tool @ 4715 feet w/ 1,290 sx. 5-1/2" @ 14,381 feet w/ 2,015 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7530</p> <p>Perfs: 8589-14,309</p>
<p>SM Energy Company El: NA 6301 Holiday Hill Road Midland, TX 79707-0000 Jill Hamilton, Regulatory Tech survey (432) 848-4855</p>	<p>#1446WA Viper McMurphy "B", drill horizontal, Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40494 15.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-1154, Section 14, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Total Depth: 9000 feet X=798482, Y=314723. Datum: NAD 27 752' FNEL, 5781' FNWL of 1,285.3-acre lease 752' FNEL, 468' FNWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Howard County Sabalo Operating, LLC P.O. Box 2907 GR Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 (361) 888-7708 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>Yates 1824' Seven Rivers 1928' 2,213 BWPD San Andres 3014' Glorieta 4150' Clear Fork 4240' sx. Spraberry 5881' feet Leonard 6427' Dean 7094' Wolfcamp 7219'</p>	<p>#4AH Pacer Burton "13-12", API #42-227-39919 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2684' 8.70 miles southeast of Vealmoor A-269, Section 13, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>438' FSL, 2497' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.4467815, Longitude -101.4487373 Total Depth: 7322 feet. PBTD: 7322 feet.</p> <p>Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 1,387 Bbls 35.6 gravity oil w/</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 253 Spud: 2-15-19. Completed: 7-29-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6581 feet w/ 484 sx.; MS tool @ 4477 feet w/ 902</p> <p>5-1/2" @ 17,959 feet w/ 2,244 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6692</p> <p>Perfs: 7951-17,867</p>
<p>SM Energy Company El: NA 6301 Holiday Hill Road Midland, TX 79707-0000 Jill Hamilton, Regulatory Tech survey (432) 848-4855</p>	<p>#1447WA Viper McMurphy "D", drill horizontal, Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40490 15.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-1154, Section 14, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>Total Depth: 9000 feet X=798597, Y=314757. Datum: NAD 27 632' FNEL, 5774' FNWL of 1,285.3-acre lease 632' FNEL, 461' FNWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 (281) 589-5200</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>BWPD Yates 2070' Seven Rivers 2185' San Andres 3415' sx. Glorieta 4400' Clear Fork 5950' Spraberry 6685' Leonard 7685'</p>	<p>#11SH Wright Unit "41-32", API #42-227-39939 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA 19.30 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1252, Section 32, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey 184' FNL, 220' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.4895898, Longitude -101.6510478 Total Depth: 7867 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma</p> <p>Daily Potential: 642 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/ 2,016</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 665 Spud: 2-04-19. Completed: 6-24-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7215 feet w/ 448 sx.; MS tool @ 4538 feet w/ 706</p> <p>7" to 9527 feet w/ 2,992 sx. 5-1/2" @ 16,070 feet w/ 2,992 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7293 feet Perfs: 8917-15,917</p>
<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Regulatory Specialist (281) 589-5200 Datum: NAD 83</p>	<p>#8AH Dunkin Unit "A1", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40495 21.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1245, Section 20, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 8950 feet Latitude 032.310747, Longitude -101.391030.</p> <p>300' FNL, 330' FEL of 1,131.99-acre lease 300' FNL, 2501' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 (281) 589-5200</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>BWPD Yates 2070' Seven Rivers 2185' San Andres 3415' sx. Glorieta 4400' Clear Fork 5950' Spraberry 6685' Leonard 7685'</p>	<p>#11SH Wright Unit "41-32", API #42-227-39939 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA 19.30 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1252, Section 32, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey 184' FNL, 220' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.4895898, Longitude -101.6510478 Total Depth: 7867 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma</p> <p>Daily Potential: 642 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/ 2,016</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 665 Spud: 2-04-19. Completed: 6-24-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7215 feet w/ 448 sx.; MS tool @ 4538 feet w/ 706</p> <p>7" to 9527 feet w/ 2,992 sx. 5-1/2" @ 16,070 feet w/ 2,992 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7293 feet Perfs: 8917-15,917</p>
<p>HighPeak Energy Holdings, LLC 421 W. 3rd, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, TX 7 6102-0000 Austin Koble, Consultant (512) 478-3456</p> <p>Datum: NAD 27</p>	<p>#L5H Bigby "17-29 B" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40505 12.80 miles northeast of Coahoma A-22, Section 17, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. survey Total Depth: 6200 feet Latitude 032.482177, Longitude -101.283642.</p> <p>276' FNL, 573' FWL of 800-acre lease 276' FNL, 2040' FEL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 (281) 589-5200</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>3,019 BWPD Yates 1636' Seven Rivers 1737' San Andres 2894' sx. Glorieta 3911' 3,051 sx. Clear Fork 4879' Spraberry 5831' Leonard 6830' Dean 7121' Wolfcamp 7263'</p>	<p>#1AH Panther East Unit, API #42-227-39938 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA 5.69 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1667, Section 22, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey 220' FNL, 394' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.3266125, Longitude -101.4406575 Total Depth: 7357 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma</p> <p>Daily Potential: 1,253 Bbls 36.6 gravity oil w/</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 482 Spud: 1-08-19. Completed: 4-26-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6606 feet w/ 418 sx.; MS tool @ 2899 feet w/ 651</p> <p>MS tool @ 4882 feet w/ 375 sx.; 7" @ 7670 feet w/</p> <p>5-1/2" @ 17,576 feet w/ 3,051 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6733 feet Perfs: 7617-17,428</p>
<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Regulatory Specialist (281) 589-5200 Datum: NAD 83</p>	<p>#15SH Dunkin Unit "A2", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40496 21.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1245, Section 20, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 8950 feet Latitude 032.310776, Longitude -101.391038.</p> <p>270' FNL, 329' FEL of 571.91-acre lease 270' FNL, 2502' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 (281) 589-5200</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>2,057 BWPD Yates 2070' Seven Rivers 2185' San Andres 3415' sx. Glorieta 4400' Clear Fork 5950' Spraberry 6685' Leonard 7718' Dean 7992' Wolfcamp 8203'</p>	<p>#9AH Wright Unit "41-32", API #42-227-39938 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA 19.30 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1252, Section 32, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey 184' FNL, 190' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.4895703, Longitude -101.6511422 Total Depth: 8283 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma</p> <p>Daily Potential: 1,153 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 455 Spud: 2-12-19. Completed: 6-19-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7602 feet w/ 491 sx.; MS tool @ 4514 feet w/ 707</p> <p>7" to 8422 feet w/ 2,933 sx. 5-1/2" @ 15,877 feet w/ 2,933 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7652 feet Perfs: 8917-15,917</p>
<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Regulatory Specialist (281) 589-5200 Datum: NAD 83</p>	<p>#21SH Dunkin Unit "A2", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40497 21.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1245, Section 20, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 8950 feet Latitude 032.310718, Longitude -101.391021.</p> <p>330' FNL, 331' FEL of 571.91-acre lease 330' FNL, 2500' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 (281) 589-5200</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>2,057 BWPD Yates 2070' Seven Rivers 2185' San Andres 3415' sx. Glorieta 4400' Clear Fork 5950' Spraberry 6685' Leonard 7718' Dean 7992' Wolfcamp 8203'</p>	<p>#9AH Wright Unit "41-32", API #42-227-39938 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA 19.30 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1252, Section 32, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey 184' FNL, 190' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.4895703, Longitude -101.6511422 Total Depth: 8283 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma</p> <p>Daily Potential: 1,153 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 455 Spud: 2-12-19. Completed: 6-19-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7602 feet w/ 491 sx.; MS tool @ 4514 feet w/ 707</p> <p>7" to 8422 feet w/ 2,933 sx. 5-1/2" @ 15,877 feet w/ 2,933 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7652 feet Perfs: 8917-15,917</p>
<p>HighPeak Energy Holdings, LLC 421 W. 3rd, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, TX 7 6102-0000 Austin Koble, Consultant (512) 478-3456</p> <p>Datum: NAD 27</p>	<p>#L6H Bigby "17-29 B" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40506 12.80 miles northeast of Coahoma A-22, Section 17, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. survey Total Depth: 6200 feet Latitude 032.482179, Longitude -101.283561.</p> <p>275' FNL, 598' FWL of 800-acre lease 275' FNL, 2015' FEL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 (281) 589-5200</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>2,057 BWPD Yates 2070' Seven Rivers 2185' San Andres 3415' sx. Glorieta 4400' Clear Fork 5950' Spraberry 6685' Leonard 7718' Dean 7992' Wolfcamp 8203'</p>	<p>#3SH Wright-Adams Unit "31-42", API #42-227-39870 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA 19.30 miles northwest of Big Spring A-349, Section 31, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey 306' FNL, 195' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.4890270, Longitude -101.6522222 Total Depth: 7922 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma</p> <p>Daily Potential: 576 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/ 2,787</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 713 Spud: 2-07-19. Completed: 6-27-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7252 feet w/ 451 sx.; MS tool @ 4527 feet w/ 709</p> <p>7" to 9701 feet w/ 2,905 sx. 5-1/2" @ 15,345 feet w/ 2,905 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7280 feet Perfs: 8462-15,198</p>
<p>Pilot Water Solutions Permian, LLC 301 Main Street, Suite 1100 Baton Rouge, LA 70825-0000 Brandi Holloway, Compliance survey (903) 754-1034</p> <p>Datum: NAD 27</p>	<p>#2 Franke, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-40157 Wildhorse (Cisco Reef) Field 15.30 miles northeast of Big Spring A-1173, Section 44, Block 27, H&TC RR Co.</p> <p>Total Depth: 3500 feet Latitude 032.419059, Longitude -101.311821.</p> <p>150' FSWL, 150' FNWL of 2.1-acre lease 2017' FNL, 431' FWL of the survey</p>	<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 (281) 589-5200</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>BWPD Yates 2070' Seven Rivers 2185' San Andres 3415' sx. Glorieta 4400' Clear Fork 5950' Spraberry 6685' Leonard 7718' Dean 7992' Wolfcamp 8203'</p>	<p>#3SH Wright-Adams Unit "31-42", API #42-227-39870 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: NA 19.30 miles northwest of Big Spring A-349, Section 31, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey 306' FNL, 195' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.4890270, Longitude -101.6522222 Total Depth: 7922 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma</p> <p>Daily Potential: 576 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/ 2,787</p> <p>Pumping. GOR: 713 Spud: 2-07-19. Completed: 6-27-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7252 feet w/ 451 sx.; MS tool @ 4527 feet w/ 709</p> <p>7" to 9701 feet w/ 2,905 sx. 5-1/2" @ 15,345 feet w/ 2,905 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7280 feet Perfs: 8462-15,198</p>
<p>CrownQuest Operating, LLC 39458 P.O. Box 53310 Midland, TX 79710-0000 Ann Ritchie, Agent (432) 684-6381</p> <p>Datum: NAD 83</p>	<p>#2HB WR Vitex, drill horizontal, API #42-227-41338, Section 6, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet Latitude 032.170444, Longitude -101.412405.</p> <p>585' FWL, 550' FNL of 3,793.93-acre lease 585' FWL, 550' FNL of the survey</p>	<p>Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 (281) 589-5200</p> <p>Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)</p> <p>BWPD Yates 2070' Seven Rivers 2185' San Andres 3415' sx. Glorieta 4400' Clear Fork 5950' Spraberry 6685' Leonard 7706'</p>	<p>#2 GBT "102", API #42-227-40033 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2757' 2.76 miles northeast of Forsan A-1519, Section 48, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>142' FSL, 2070' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.1497682, Longitude -101.3611281 Total Depth: 9734 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Acceptable cased hole logs Daily Potential: 127 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 262</p> <p>Gas Lift. GOR: 2055 Spud: 3-21-19. Completed: 7-15-19. Pay: NA 8-5/8" @ 5362 feet w/ 570 sx. 5-1/2" @ 9838 feet w/ 1,210 sx. 4" from 7412 feet to 9400 feet w/ 70 sx.; 2-7/8" @</p> <p>Perfs: 8282-9818 8282-9818: Acidize and fracture stimulated</p>
<p>HighPeak Energy Holdings, LLC 4211 W. 3rd, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, TX 76102-0000 Austin Koble, Consultant (512) 478-3456</p> <p>Datum: NAD 27</p>	<p>#A-4H Will "ED 17-29 A" Unit, API #42-227-40507 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA 12.80 miles northeast of Coahoma A-22, Section 17, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. survey Total Depth: 6500 feet Latitude 032.482265, Longitude -101.287501.</p> <p>275' FNL, 618' FEL of 800-acre lease 275' FNL, 1995' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception</p>	<p>Hannathon Petroleum, LLC 223 W. Wall Street, Suite 800 GR Midland, TX 79701-0000 (432) 687-3700 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>Yates 1040' Seven Rivers 1287' BWPD Glorieta 1674' San Andres 2399' Clear Fork 2742' Spraberry 5524' Leonard 7343' 7330 feet Dean 7533' Wolfcamp 7633' Strawn 9133' Pennsylvanian 9133' Mississippian-Fusselman 9298' Fusselman 9603' SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4855 survey</p>	<p>#2 GBT "102", API #42-227-40033 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2757' 2.76 miles northeast of Forsan A-1519, Section 48, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>142' FSL, 2070' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.1497682, Longitude -101.3611281 Total Depth: 9734 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Acceptable cased hole logs Daily Potential: 127 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 262</p> <p>Gas Lift. GOR: 2055 Spud: 3-21-19. Completed: 7-15-19. Pay: NA 8-5/8" @ 5362 feet w/ 570 sx. 5-1/2" @ 9838 feet w/ 1,210 sx. 4" from 7412 feet to 9400 feet w/ 70 sx.; 2-7/8" @</p> <p>Perfs: 8282-9818 8282-9818: Acidize and fracture stimulated</p>
<p>New Oil Completions: Glasscock County</p> <p>Parsley Energy Operations, LLC 303 Colorado, Suite 3000 Austin, TX 78701-0000 (512) 600-8821 survey</p> <p>Contractor not listed</p> <p>San Andres 4614' Clear Fork 5918' Spraberry 6128'</p> <p>feet</p>	<p>#2815H Calverley "36-25", API #42-173-37604 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2703' GR 7.10 miles northwest of Garden City A-807, Section 36, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co.</p> <p>380' FSL, 330' FEL of the survey Latitude 031.8889987, Longitude -101.5857868 Total Depth: 7254 feet. PBTD: 7254 feet.</p> <p>Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 325 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 2,523 BWPD Pumping. GOR: </p>		

News Briefs

Funeral held for one of men killed in attack at Texas church

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A man who was killed when a gunman opened fire at a Texas church was remembered at a funeral Thursday.

Gov. Greg Abbott was among those in attendance for the private funeral of 67-year-old Richard White, who was one of two congregants killed Sunday when a man with a shotgun opened fire inside West Freeway Church of Christ in the Fort Worth-area town of White Settlement.

Jack Wilson, who like White was a member of the church's armed volunteer security team, fatally shot the attacker, Keith Thomas Kinnunen.

Wilson has said White was reaching for his gun when he was killed.

Thursday's service was held at the Western Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth, which is located near the West Freeway Church. After the funeral, Abbott said he was "so proud" of what White did to "step up and help his fellow Texans."

"There were people in that congregation today — alive today — because Rich stood in the breach and protected others from harm's way," the governor said.

Also killed in the attack was congregant Anton "Tony" Wallace, who had been serving communion.

'Affluenza teen' jailed in Texas for probation violation

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Texas man who used "affluenza" as a defense at his trial for killing four people while driving drunk was arrested Thursday after authorities say he violated the terms of his probation.

Ethan Couch, 22, was booked into a jail in Fort Worth after he tested positive for THC, the psychoactive compound in marijuana, court records show.

Couch's attorneys, Scott Brown and Reagan Wynn, said their client has been intensely monitored for alcohol and illegal substance use for more than 20 months and "has never been positive for the use of any substance before."

"We cannot make any further statement until we have the opportunity to conduct an investigation to determine if, in fact, Ethan ingested THC and, if so, if it was a voluntary act on his part," Brown and Wynn said in a statement.

Jail records did not indicate whether his bond had been set Thursday afternoon.

Couch became known as the "affluenza teen" during his manslaughter trial for the 2013 crash. Couch, 16 at the time of the crash, was found to have a blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit for adult drivers after the crash. But a psychologist told a juvenile court that he was affected by "affluenza," or irresponsibility caused by family wealth. A judge originally sentenced Couch to 10 years of probation. But he was later jailed after attending a

party where alcohol was served and then fleeing to Mexico with his mother to avoid punishment. He was released in 2018 after serving a nearly two-year sentence.

In 2013, Couch lost control of his family's pickup truck after he and his friends had played beer pong and drank beer stolen from a Walmart. He veered into a crowd of people helping the driver of a disabled vehicle on the side of the road. Authorities later estimated that he was going 70 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The crash fatally injured the stranded motorist, a youth minister who stopped to help her and a mother and daughter who came out of their nearby home. Tonya Couch, Ethan's mother, is awaiting trial on charges of hindering apprehension of a felon and money laundering arising from when they fled to Mexico in 2015. She has been in and out of jail since then.

American Airlines vows to share Boeing proceeds with workers

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines said Thursday it is negotiating with Boeing Co. over compensation for the airline's grounded planes and expects to share some of the proceeds with employees.

American had 24 Boeing 737 Max jets when the planes were grounded worldwide in March after two deadly crashes. Like other airlines, American has canceled thousands of flights as a result. It estimated that the grounding will cut its full-year 2019 pretax income by \$540 million.

A spokesman for American said Thursday that the airline is talking to Boeing "as to what that compensation looks like." Boeing has suggested that compensation could be in cash or other forms, such as help with training or spare parts.

American expects to make part of the compensation eligible for employee profit sharing, the spokesman said without providing any figures.

American Airlines Group Inc. CEO Doug Parker said in October he was confident that any losses due to the Max grounding "won't be incurred by American shareholders, but will be borne by the Boeing shareholders."

Pilots and flight attendants have lost wages because of canceled flights. Pilots at American have let their airline deal with Boeing, but pilots at Southwest Airlines have taken a different course — their union is suing Boeing for lost wages.

Boeing has reached partial settlements with Southwest and Turkish Airlines — neither carrier disclosed details — while continuing to negotiate with others. Chicago-based Boeing has estimated the eventual cost to reach \$5.6 billion over several years, although many analysts believe that figure will go much higher.

Meanwhile, it remains unclear when the Max will fly again. Boeing is still working on software and computer updates to prevent a repeat of crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia that killed 346 people.

1 fatally stabbed, 3 hurt in morning attack in Austin,

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A man stabbed two people, one fatally, inside a restaurant during a violent string of attacks Friday at a shopping plaza in Texas' capital city that began with an assault at a coffee shop and ended with the suspect leaping off a roof, police said.

The attacks on a busy downtown avenue of restaurants and apartments just south of the Texas Capitol terrified customers stopping for their morning coffee on the way to work. It was the city of Austin's first homicide of 2020.

Austin police Sgt. David Daniels said investigators don't know what provoked the suspect from striking a person inside a coffee shop before fleeing and stabbing two people inside Freebirds World Burrito a few doors down. The man, who was not identified, jumped off the roof of the restaurant but survived.

Stacy Romine, 33, said she was getting her drink at Bennu Coffee when she saw the suspect suddenly attack a man who was sitting with a table full of regulars.

"This guy out of nowhere just hit him in the back of the head with something," Romine said. "People tried to restrain him and stop him

from leaving the store after it happened. But he could not be apprehended by three men, including a police officer."

Daniels said he did not know whether the stabbing victims at Freebirds were employees. None of the victims were identified, but Austin-Travis County EMS said one man in his 20s was pronounced dead at the scene. Daniels said a knife was involved in the attack but did not say whether it came from the restaurant.

After he ran out of the coffee shop, Romine said she saw the attacker jump from the roof of Freebirds and did not move after hitting the ground. Daniels said the suspect was transported to a hospital but did not know his condition.

Daniels praised customers who tried to stop the man at the coffee shop before he fled to Freebirds.

"We don't recommend individuals getting involved in a situation, but they chose to do that, and it was helpful," Daniels said.

In 2017, one student was killed and three others wounded in a random stabbing attack at the University of Texas campus in Austin. In that case, the assailant was later found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Learn the difference between a need and a want

Special to the Herald

A big step to financial security is learning the difference between a need and a want, according to KHEAA. Students who learn that difference will find that their bank accounts grow more quickly.

Needs include clothes, food and, for many students, transportation.

With clothes, a want may mean wearing only designer items that cost more than clothes that last just as long and look just as good.

Students might want to eat a deluxe cheeseburger at a fast food restaurant every day, even though they can save money by making their own sandwich and brown-bagging it.

If a student needs a car, a want would be a new sports convertible instead of a reliable, used car with good gas mileage and less flash.

Before making a purchase, students should ask themselves if they can get by with a less expensive item — or without that item completely. They should save the money they don't spend so it's there when they really need something.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

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Corley leads Coahoma past Roscoe 65-33

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

The Coahoma Bulldogettes played host to the Roscoe Plowgirls on Friday night inside the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. In a dominant 65-33 win, Coahoma picked up where they left off following last week's strong showing at the Mary Tatum Tournament in Big Lake.

In a high-scoring first quarter, the Bulldogettes managed to grab countless offensive rebounds and convert on their follow-up shots for second-chance points.

On the other side of the ball, The defense played a suffocating style of defense that forced Roscoe to commit double-digit first-quarter turnovers. With both the offense and defense clicking, Coahoma stormed out to a 23-6 lead heading into the second quarter.

"With the exception of a few games, we've always been able to do that," Bulldogettes head coach Jim Kinnear said. "Get us that lead and get a little confidence going. It puts a little pressure on them in the second quarter, so we run by that."

Following the Bulldogettes' powerful to the game, the second quarter was more evenly-matched between the two squads. The Plowgirls outscored the Bulldogettes 11-6 in the quarter and trimmed the lead to only 12 points at the half.

Then the Bulldogettes began to click again.

After a halftime pep talk from Kinnear, the Bulldogettes stormed into the second half and controlled the third quarter by scoring 20 points and limiting the Plowgirls to only five.

The high-energy that Coahoma brought to both



Courtesy Photo

Bulldogettes' guard Madison Rodgers wrestles with a Roscoe Plowgirl for the basketball during Friday night's big win.

sides of the court on Friday night was displayed on the scoreboard with all five starters contributing and three of those players posting double-digit points.

Senior guard and Sul Ross State-commit Caitlyn Corley led the Bulldogettes in scoring with 20 points on the night while also grabbing a staggering 11 steals. Corley fell three rebounds short of a triple-double and continued to show her prowess for grabbing offensive rebounds and being a constant pest on the defensive-side of the ball.

In addition to Corley, starting guard Julia Cox

scored 15 points and fell one rebound shy of a double-double. As has been the case for the duration of the season, forward MaKynlee Overton controlled the paint and was able to get to the free-throw line consistently. Overton posted 18 points and knocked down six shots from the charity stripe.

With such a strong core group of players, Coahoma has been able to grow as a team and have been on fire lately. With a smaller eight-player rotation it is impressive how the Bulldogettes manage to stay so fresh and active throughout the entire game.

"Our practices are rather hard," Kinnear said. "We don't do a lot of suicides or things like that because our practices are mostly full-court. We get our conditioning during practice so that we don't have to worry about that in the game. We only have eight players, and everyone contributes."

Coahoma was able to close-out the game strong and showed flashes of excellence during their numerous displays of domination in their first game of a 2020.

In a competitive district, Kinnear believes his team is strong enough to compete with anyone.

"We feel like if we play the way we did tonight and things are going good, we can play with anybody," Kinnear said.

UP NEXT: The Bulldogettes will travel to Tuscola to take on a strong Jim Ned Lady Indians team in a district matchup next Tuesday night at 6:30 P.M.

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Coahoma Bulldogs show improvement in 49-42 win over Roscoe

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

The Coahoma Bulldogs left the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Friday night with a 49-42 win over the Roscoe Plowboys in a tightly-contested matchup between two well-rounded teams that were equally equipped to stop each other.

"That was a good team and we played very well," Bulldogs head coach Joe Mireles said.

Coahoma got off to a slow start and trailed by two points heading into the second quarter down by a score of 14-12. Forward Kolt Redden started the game out strong and finished the game with a shared team-high of 11 points by knocking down five of his six shots in the game. Redden's only miss came on a meaningless last-second half-court heave at the buzzer.

Senior forward Zack Schneider was the other Bulldog to score 11 points. Schneider also grabbed 11 boards for a double-double that showed of his high-motor style of play that had the opposing sideline frustrated.

Holding a 24-21 lead heading into the second half, the Bulldogs continued to play well and gradually grew



Courtesy Photo

Bulldogs' guard/forward Tony Hagins plays tight defense on a Roscoe Plowboy during the Coahoma win on Friday night.

their small lead to six heading into the fourth. After a tough start to the season, the adversity that Coahoma has faced so far this season had prepared them for this close game.

"This senior bunch are used to adversity from all the sports that they've played and that has really helped us out a lot," Mireles said.

Coahoma began the fourth quarter on a 7-0 run and were able to close out the game and would never give their lead away.

"They're not making the mistakes that they were making earlier in the year," Mireles said.

As the season continues to progress and the team continues to grow together, this Coahoma Bulldogs team has not reached its maximum potential. With a few more strong performances like the one they showed Friday night, the team could really become a threat in their competitive district.

UP NEXT: The Bulldogs will travel to Tuscola to take on the Jim Ned Lady Indians in a district matchup next Tuesday night following the Bulldogettes game at 8:00 P.M.

McCaffrey a double All-Pro pick; Gilmore, Thomas unanimous

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Christian McCaffrey's versatility and superb statistics helped him to a rare double: The Carolina Panthers running back has made The Associated Press NFL All-Pro Team at two positions.

McCaffrey rushed for 1,387 yards and 15 touchdowns while catching a phenomenal 116 passes for 1,005 yards and four TDs. He became the third player in NFL history to finish with 1,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving in the same season, joining Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk and Roger Craig, who is on the senior ballot for the hall this year.

That so impressed the 50 members of a nationwide media panel who regularly cover the NFL for McCaffrey to be voted the first-team running back and the top flex player. The flex position was created in 2016 to reward players who epitomize the way offense is now played in pro football. Not one fits that description better than McCaffrey, whose terrific season came for a 5-11 team.

"It means a lot," says McCaffrey, a third-year pro. "It is a big honor and that is something that you don't work hard for it, but when it comes you are really grateful and appreciative."

McCaffrey's achievement was complemented by the unanimous selections

of New Orleans receiver Michael Thomas and New England cornerback Stephon Gilmore. It's the second straight season both made the squad, Thomas doing it with an NFL-record 149 catches, Gilmore anchoring the league's top-ranked defense.

Ravens sensation Lamar Jackson, who in his second season led Baltimore to a league-best 14-2 mark, was chosen as quarterback. Jackson and McCaffrey were among 14 first-time All-Pro.

Rams safety Eric Weddle, a former Raven, witnessed the jukes and jaunts of Jackson firsthand in a 45-6 Ravens romp.

"When you get on the field and you get to the speed of what they run, it's tough," says Weddle, a former All-Pro. "I mean, some of the plays I didn't know who had the ball because they run it so efficiently. (Jackson) is one of a kind; he's pretty special."

This special class includes several multiple All-Pro: Rams DT Aaron Donald and Seahawks LB Bobby Wagner, each for a fifth time; Cowboys right guard Zack Martin and Ravens kicker Justin Tucker for a fourth time.

Bears kick returner Cordarrelle Patterson made his third All-Pro roster, as did Eagles center Jason Kelce and Texans receiver DeAndre Hopkins.

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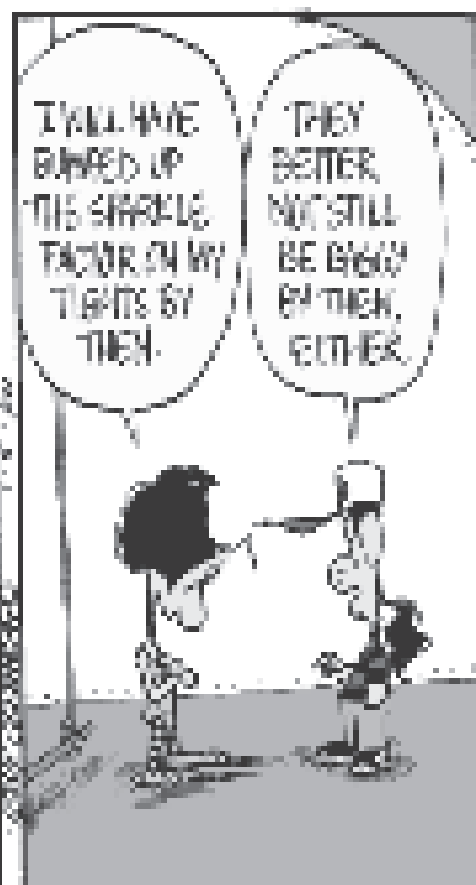
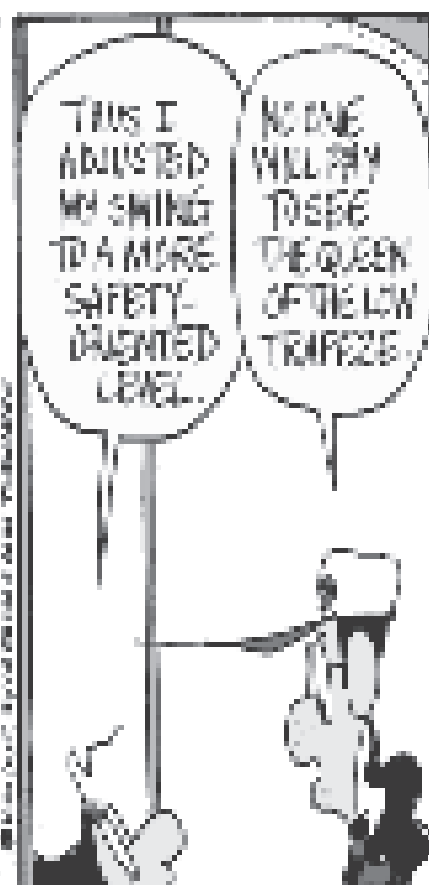
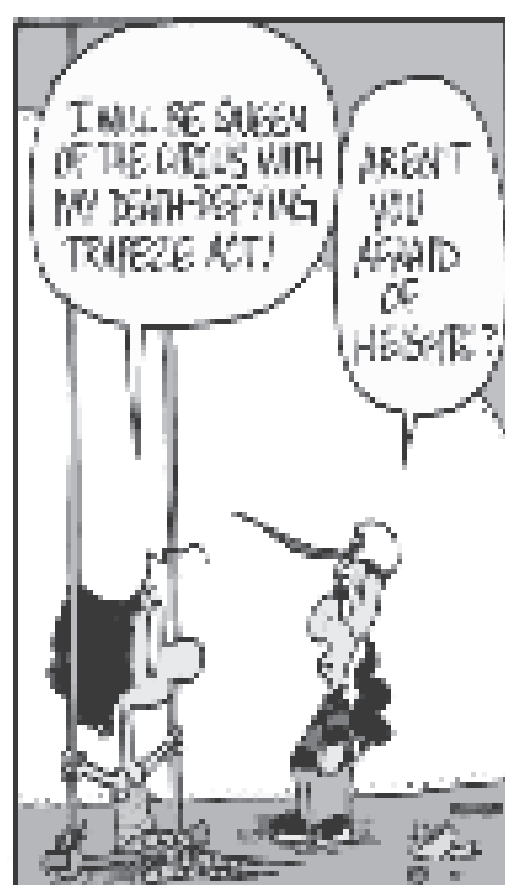
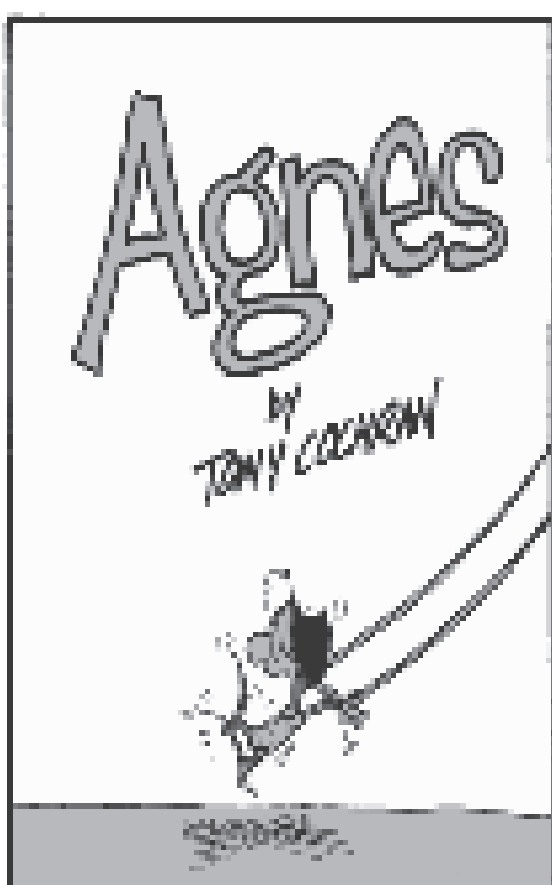
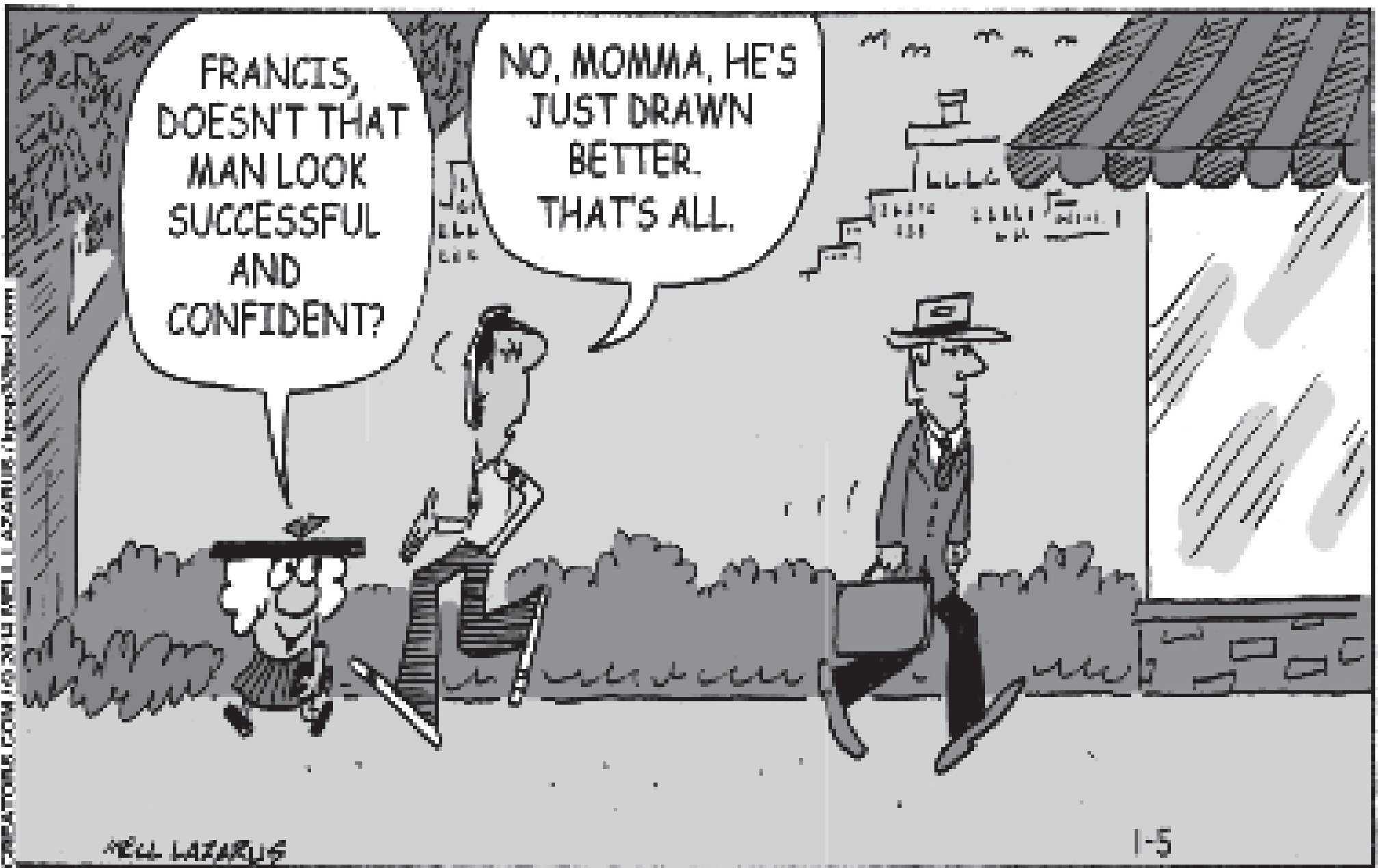
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ALL-PRO

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All-Pros for the second time included Thomas, Gilmore, Cardinals edge rusher Chandler Jones, Steelers DT Cam Heyward, Patriots special teamer Matthew Slater, Colts left guard Quenton Nelson, and Ravens defensive back Marcus Peters, who shared that spot with the teammate Marlon Humphrey and the Chiefs' Tyrann Mathieu (second appearance).

Thomas, Gilmore, Nelson, Hopkins, Kelce, Martin, Donald, Wagner and Tucker repeated from 2018.

The other newcomers were Humphrey; 49ers tight end George Kittle; Ravens left tackle Ronnie Stanley; Saints right tackle Ryan Ramczyk; Steelers edge rusher T.J. Watt; Saints linebacker Demario Davis; Vikings LB Eric Kendricks; Bills cornerback Tre'Davious White; safeties Jamal Adams of the Jets and Minkah Fitzpatrick of the Steelers; Titans punter Brett Kern; and Saints punt returner Deonte Harris, the only rookie on the team.

"When you got here and people start talking about All-Pro and that's the best of the best, you're like 'Pro Bowl is cool, but I need to get the best of the best,'" says Wagner, who led the NFL in tackles this season. "As you get older you kind of understand how hard these things are to get. And so you don't take any of them for granted and are very grateful for your health, grateful for your teammates. As you get older you reflect and you appreciate things differently that you might not have had when you were young."

Ramczyk once played Division III college ball. Now look at him. "It's just pretty crazy that I was at a little D-3 school and I'm like, 'If I'm going to play this game, I'm going to play to be the best I possibly can be,'" he says, adding the All-Pro designation is "pretty awesome. It's pretty cool."

Not surprisingly, Baltimore led the All-Pro Team with five selections, while New Orleans had four and Pittsburgh each had three. There were 16 AFC players and 13 from the NFC.

Dallas Stars emerge from eventful first half in solid shape

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — There was the 1-7-1 start for the Dallas Stars, who had such high expectations after an impressive playoff run last season.

When they started consistently winning again, there was the shocking coaching change unrelated to anything on the ice.

Dallas then opened 2020 with another comeback victory on New Year's Day, outdoors at Cotton Bowl Stadium before 85,630 fans — the second-largest crowd ever to see an NHL game.

"Forty-one games, and it seems like we've been through 100," center Andrew Cogliano said.

This has already been an eventful regular season for the Stars, and they are only halfway done.

Through it all, the Stars (23-14-4, 50 points) are third in the Western Conference standings after the 4-2 win over the Nashville Predators in the Winter Classic. It was the third win in a row for Dallas, which came from behind in the third period in each of those games.

"Our team still hasn't even shown our true potential. Lately, especially after the coach change, we've been very inconsistent and all over the map, and trying to put our identity back together," center Jason Dickinson said. "So I think we're on our way there, and we've still got half a season to go. It's about time for us to really hone in on that stuff."

Dallas will be back inside, at home in the American Airlines Center, to start the second half of its 82-game regular-season schedule Friday night against Detroit.

The Stars are 6-3-1 since second-year head coach Jim Montgomery was fired Dec. 10 for unspecified unprofessional conduct. They beat New Jersey 2-0 that night when Rick Bowness, in his second season in Dallas, took over as interim head coach for the rest of the season.

Bowness has coached in more NHL games than anyone — 2,238 overall, 473 as a head coach — and in five different decades after Wednesday's win to kick off the new year.

"I didn't want to be put in this position because you don't expect it. None of us saw it coming, so when it was thrown at us, we were all completely in shock," said Bowness, adding that he came to Dallas with the goal of helping the Stars and Montgomery win the Stanley Cup.

Now Bowness is calling the shots on the bench for the Stars, who last April made the playoffs for only the third time in 11 seasons. They won a six-game series against Nashville in the first round, then went seven games in the Western Conference semifinals before falling to eventual Stanley Cup champion St. Louis.

Bowness said players were shocked as much as the other coaches about the dismissal of Montgomery, but that they have all together invested in what

they have to do to win games.

"It happens in sports. You lose players, guys get traded. ... Obviously, your coach, that doesn't happen all the time," goalie Ben Bishop said. "When the coach gets fired or let go, you still have your job to do. And I think guys, you know, continue to do their jobs. And obviously the players are the ones who go out there and execute the game plan."

Bishop and other Stars players say that transition was made easier with Bowness, with the 64-year-old Canadian's experience and an upbeat personality a bit different than Montgomery's.

"To take over that role midway through the season speaks volumes to what kind of coach he is," Cogliano said.

After that horrendous nine-game start to the season, the Stars went 14-1-1 over the next five weeks. They then had an 0-3-1 slide before two wins in a row preceded the sudden coaching change.

"We have an idea where when we're good, how we want to play and our compete level. And just a lot of trustworthy players out there wanting to play the right way," said veteran forward Joe Pavelski, one of the Stars newcomers this season. "Up to this point, I would say we're a pretty resilient group."

"The coaching change and different things like that, guys have just stuck together, stayed resilient," he said. "Hopefully, it'll just keep making us better."

Garrett still coach of Cowboys as Jerry Jones stays silent

(AP)— Jason Garrett was still coach of the Dallas Cowboys on Friday, almost a week after what figured to be a make-or-break season ended without a trip to the playoffs in the final year of his contract.

Garrett has been at team headquarters off and on since the season ended, according to two people familiar with the situation.

And while it "certainly feels like he will not be back," as one person said, there was still uncertainty as to what owner Jerry Jones would decide in part because it was "dragging out the way it is." Friday was the fifth day without a resolution publicly

since the season finale.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the club isn't commenting on the status of Garrett, whose contract expires Jan. 14.

After Jones and his son, executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones, canceled regular weekly radio appearances early in the week, the team posted an item on its website Friday headlined, "As week concludes, still no update on staff."

The Cowboys finished the regular season with a 47-16 win over Washington for an 8-8 record, but the

2018 NFC East champions were eliminated from the postseason when Philadelphia won the division by beating the New York Giants 34-17.

Dallas gave up control of its playoff fate with a 17-9 loss at the Eagles in Week 16, the lowest moment in a season full of them after a 3-0 start fueled expectations that were already high.

It was the sixth time in nine full seasons under Garrett that the Cowboys missed the playoffs, and the 53-year-old hasn't been able to end the franchise's nearly 25-year run without getting past the divisional round of the playoffs.

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One more dash of holiday fun *Elf on the Shelf reporting for Santa*

Herald Staff Report

The Christmas lights are starting to be packed up, trees are going back in the boxes and the holiday festivities have wrapped up. The new year has begun, but there is still time for one more dash of Christmas cheer and a trip to this past holiday season. Reporting back to Santa isn't the only things Elves take care of; for some they ended up being a support while the children were sick and some even ended up being sick for a few days themselves. Big Spring families shared a few of their Elf on the Shelf photos with us. Here are a few ideas to store away for next year, when your Elf on the Shelf comes back to do some reporting for Santa!



Jingle is under the weather and sick in bed! BONUS: He was so sick he couldn't move for a couple of days!
Submitted by Susan Marie



This is John. He's a shepherd boy on an adventure to find the baby Jesus. Hopefully, he'll be able to find him on Christmas morning laying in a manger.
Submitted by Jason and Monica Hull



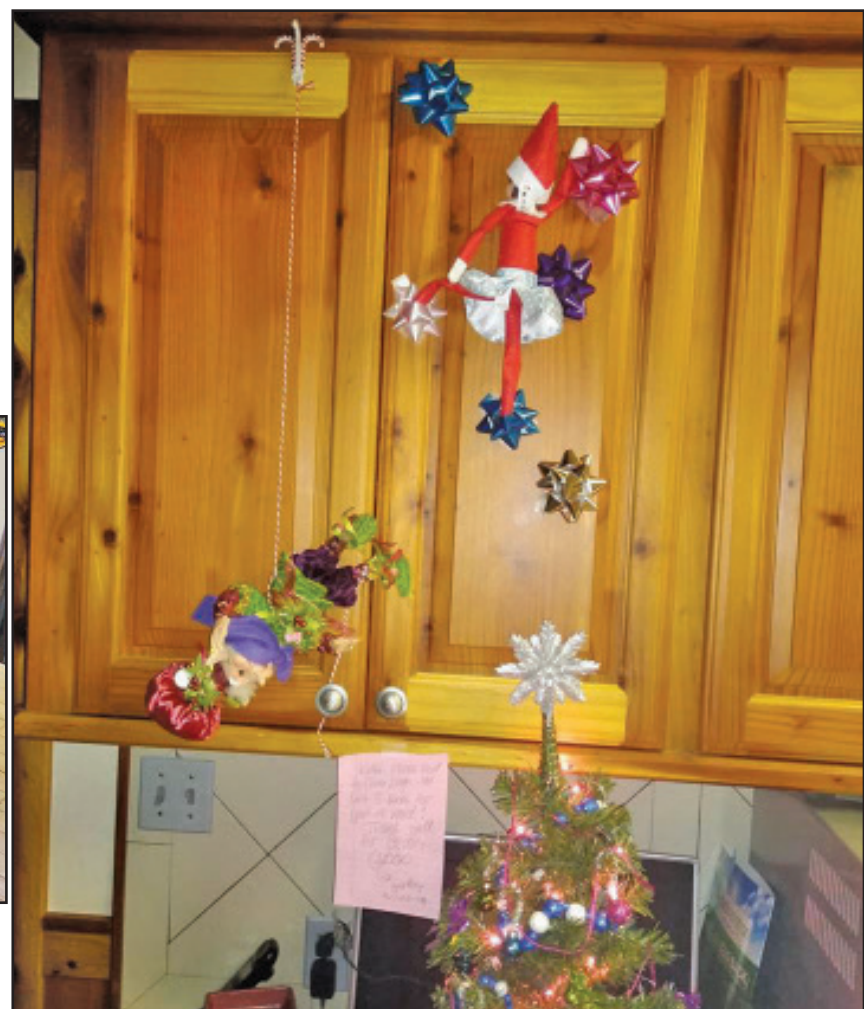
Pictured above left: Rudolph or Rudy, (She) brought my daughter this stuff when she was sick with the flu! Submitted by Hannah Mckinney; Pictured above right: Jingle holding the precious Baby Jesus in his lap!! Submitted by Susan Marie. Pictured below: Jingle under attack and taken hostage by the enemy! Submitted by Susan Marie.



Pictured above: Twinkle Toes and Ginger got hurt on the flight to the North Pole so they rode the magical ambulance home! Pictured below: Twinkle Toes is a mischeivous elf. She got into more trouble bow climbing and Gumdrop fell. Both photos submitted by Stephanie Dawn McIntosh



Pictured above left: Some elves enjoy the same tricks every year. Submitted by Kelly McGrew. Pictured above right: Mr. Potato Head ran into some trouble with Mr. Elf. Submitted by Tamara Averette.





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Howard County Lunch Menus

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Monday: HOLIDAY
Tuesday: HOLIDAY
Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, applesauce, 1 percent white milk Lunch: Popcorn chicken, tater bites, fresh zucchini squash, diced peaches, 1 percent white milk.
Thursday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, applesauce, 1 percent white milk Lunch: Spaghetti, mashed potatoes, applesauce, 1 percent white milk.
Friday: Breakfast: Not available Lunch: Cheese pizza, fresh broccoli, roasted mixed vegetables, pineapple tidbits, 1 percent white milk.

Big Spring Elementary

Monday: HOLIDAY
Tuesday: HOLIDAY
Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, string cheese, applesauce, orange juice Lunch: Oriental popcorn chicken, turkey chef salad with roll, fresh apples, diced peaches, sweet tater bites, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh bananas, fruit juice Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich, soft beef tacos, French fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad
Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, fresh grapes, apple juice Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, popcorn chicken salad with roll, pineapple tidbits, Mandarin oranges, fresh broccoli, cucumber and tomato salad, garden salad

Big Spring Intermediate School

Monday: HOLIDAY
Tuesday: HOLIDAY
Wednesday: Breakfast: Strawberry banana yogurt, animal crackers, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, applesauce, orange juice Lunch: Chicken crispitos, turkey cheese salad with roll, spicy chicken sandwich, fresh apples, diced peaches, sweet tater bites, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad
Thursday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, fresh bananas, pineapple juice Lunch: Bacon cheeseburger, chicken nuggets with roll, pepperoni pizza, French fries, fresh grapes, rosy applesauce, charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, garden salad
Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh grapes, apple juice Lunch: Beef Taco Salad, steak fingers with a roll, chicken patty sandwich, mashed potatoes, pineapple tidbits, Mandarin oranges, cucumber and tomato salad, garden salad

Big Spring Junior High

Monday: HOLIDAY
Tuesday: HOLIDAY
Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, string cheese, applesauce, orange juice Lunch: Fish sticks, turkey salad with roll, chicken patty sandwich, sweet tater bites, fresh apples, diced peaches, fresh zucchini squash, garden salad
Thursday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, fresh bananas, fruit juice Lunch: Beef soft tacos, BBQ pork sandwich, corn dog, fresh grapes, charro pinto beans, fresh celery sticks, applesauce, garden salad
Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, fresh apples, apple juice Lunch: Baja chicken salad with roll, beef and cheese quesadilla, bacon cheeseburger, French fries, pineapple tidbits, Mandarin oranges, fresh broccoli, cucumber and tomato salad, garden salad

Big Spring High School

Monday: HOLIDAY
Tuesday: HOLIDAY
Wednesday: Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin, waffles with blueberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal,

fresh cantaloupe, applesauce Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Not available
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, pancakes with blueberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, fresh banana, pineapple tidbits Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Not available
Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolaches, waffles with blueberries, sausage patty, egg sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fresh grapes, diced pears Lunch: Line 2 Daily Special: Not available
 Line 1 Made to order: Hamburgers, sub-style sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, assorted fruits, assorted vegetables, assorted snacks, assorted drinks, assorted milk

fruit, milk
Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Steak fingers with roll, Asian bowl with egg roll, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit, milk
Friday: Breakfast: Dutch waffle with sausage or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice,



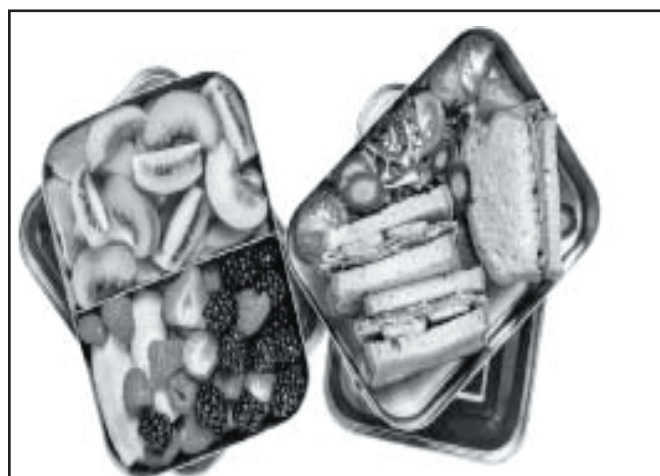
milk Lunch: Hamburger, nachos, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, ranch style beans, corn, salsa, strawberries, fresh fruit, milk

Sands CISD

Monday: Breakfast: French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Pulled pork sliders, savory green beans, garden salad, apple slices, milk variety
Tuesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Breaded drumstick, biscuit, sweet potato fries, seasoned corn, grapes, milk variety
Wednesday: Breakfast: Cereal variety, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Frito pie, fresh veggie cup, beans, orange smiles, milk variety
Thursday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Chicken nuggets, oven fries, steamed broccoli, roll, diced peaches, milk variety
Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Pizza, baby carrots, green peas, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk variety

Senior Center

Monday: Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered corn, tapioca pudding, bread, milk
Tuesday: Chili with beans, Spanish rice, spiced apples, crackers, milk
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, tossed salad with tomatoes, fat free dressing, mixed fruit, milk



Thursday: Green chili stew, steamed rice, oranges, corn bread, milk
Friday: Fish sticks with ketchup, oven potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, muffin, bread, milk

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 Email information to editor@bigspringherald.com.



assorted vegetables, assorted snacks, assorted drinks, assorted milk

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Forsan ISD

Monday: HOLIDAY
Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken biscuit or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk Lunch: Chicken sandwich, grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fries, green beans, baby carrots, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit, milk
Wednesday: Breakfast: Monte Cristo sandwich or cereal, Mandarin oranges, fruit juice,



milk Lunch: Pizza or sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberries, fresh

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Midland Memorial announces New Year Baby

Special to the Herald

Midland Memorial Hospital would like to congratulate the Egan family of Midland on the birth of their new baby boy, the first child born in Midland in 2020.

Gray Matthew Egan was born at 6:05 a.m. to Stacy Egan and Brendan Egan, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces.

The family will be presented with a wonderful gift basket full of items for the new baby and mom.

Gift basket items include:

- "The Shusher" from Baby Biz
- Baby's First Christmas Ornament and gift card from Miss Cayce's Christmas Store
- Handmade knitted blanket and hat from Nifty Knitters for Newborns

Midland Churches of Christ

- Breathable Mattress Pad and rattle from Hope Chest of Midland, a program sponsored by Midland Health and Midland Memorial Foundation

- Travel Mug and specialty Tea from The Woodhouse Day Spa.

The gift basket was beautifully arranged by Flowerland.

Midland Memorial Hospital would like to thank all of these businesses and individuals for their donations to our first baby of 2020.

Editor's Note: As of press time no word had been issued about the first baby born in Howard County. The anticipation of the first baby of 2020s arrival is still going.



Feature: The origins of Baby New Year



In modern times, Baby New Year has lost any connection to a deity or religious figure. Rather, he is now interpreted as a child who arrives at the start of the year and eventually ages into Father Time. The baby is depicted as an infant or toddler wearing a diaper and a sash with the year he is representing (and often a top hat). He is sometimes depicted holding or associated with an hourglass, a noisemaker or other item either pertaining to time or New Year's Day festivities. Father Time is often portrayed as an elderly man with a long, gray beard. The Baby New Year/Father Time message boils down to "out with the old and in with the new." People bid goodbye to Father Time and welcome this cherubic child who will carry them through the next 12 months and grow with them.

The Baby New Year idea eventually developed into a "First Born" tradition as well. Many towns, cities and hospitals have instituted contests awarding the first baby born in the new year the title of "Baby New Year." Such children are often the subjects of local news coverage and get their picture in the newspaper. Gifts, such as complimentary diapers, a case of formula or baby food or other baby supplies may be offered. In addition, private companies may offer their own gifts and recognition to the lucky child and his or her family in turn for complementary publicity.

Baby New Year is a symbol of the fresh start the new year brings. His relevance in celebrations has endured for centuries.

Special to the Herald

Excitement for a new year abounds on January 1. Baby New Year is one of the more recognizable symbols of the New Year's holiday, particularly in print advertisements and television commercials. Perhaps you've wondered what role Baby New Year plays in the celebration? While he may seem like a relatively modern icon, this cultural mainstay has a lengthy history.

One theory suggests Baby New Year was celebrated as far back as 600 B.C. in ancient Greece, when a child was paraded around in a basket upon the

arrival of the new year. The baby represented rebirth, and Greeks believed their god of wine, Dionysus, was reborn on New Year's as the spirit of fertility. Other historians say that the custom even predates the Greeks to the ancient Egyptians.

Even though the baby new year custom was originally frowned upon by Christians and deemed a pagan tradition, eventually Christians embraced the symbol as well, albeit in a different way. The end of the year is marked by the birth of the Christ child, and this became a special way to interpret Baby New Year.

Tips and tricks for savory slow-cooked meals

Special to the Herald

Kitchen gadgets come and go, but one mainstay continues to deliver tasty meals with ease.

The Crock-Pot®, dubbed the original slow cooker, was invented in 1940 by Irving Nachumsohn. This slow cooker was created to cook a traditional stew eaten on the Jewish sabbath. Because faithful Jews are forbidden from cooking on the sabbath, Nachumsohn found the stew could easily be prepared prior and allowed to cook unattended, then carried to dinner, meeting the sabbath requirements. It was another 30 years before the slow cooker garnered widespread acclaim. That newfound popularity developed when more women entered the workforce and needed convenient ways to prepare meals at home without affecting their work schedules.

While slow cookers can make for successful meals, knowing how to use them to their fullest potential can increase the propensity for delicious, easy dishes. Here are some tips and tricks.

- Prepare ingredients the night before. By handling the mise en place for recipes the evening prior, you'll have everything you need ready to put in the slow cooker and set to cook for the day.
- Preheat the cooker. Add ingredients to a slow

cooker that is already warmed up for best results.

- Arrange for easy cleanup. Specially designed slow cooker liners can cut washing time dramatically and help prolong the surface of the internal crock.

- Don't add dairy until the meal is almost finished cooking. Cooking dairy products for long periods of time can cause them to curdle. Save them for the last steps when using a slow cooker.

- Exercise caution with tender veggies. The same wait-until-later approach should also apply to vegetables, beans and pastas, which can lose their integrity and become mushy if cooked for hours. Leave them for last.

- Inexpensive cuts of meat are fine. Inexpensive cuts are often high in fat or connective tissue, which will break down during long, moist cooking. Consider browning meat before putting it in the cooker for even more flavor.

- Layer ingredients appropriately. Place hard ingredients like potatoes, carrots and other root vegetables at the bottom of the cooker where they will cook more readily.



We Salute!

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:

- Big Spring Police officers, Howard County Sheriff's deputies, Big Spring Fire Department/EMS, and all hospital staff who worked over the holidays to continue to keep our community safe, healthy and taken care.

- Colleen Barton on her 35 years plus of service to Howard County as the District Clerk. Congratulations on your retirement. You are greatly respected and will be missed.

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

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Chamber of Commerce happenings Plans for 2020 Health Fair getting started #healthyYOU offering New Year rate



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The 2020 annual health fair will be focusing on #healthyYOU this year. Booths can now be reserved at a special cost until Jan. 15 if they are paid in advance. The health fair will once again take place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on March 28, from 8 a.m. until Noon.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Planning for the 2020 annual Health Fair has kicked off, vendors and sponsors are being sought.

"Every year we aim to make the health fair bigger and more beneficial than the year before, and each year through the support of our community health care services providers and sponsors we are able to achieve that goal," Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde, said. "This year is no different and we are looking once again to our providers, businesses and organizations to join with us and make 2020 healthy."

The 2020 health fair is set for March 28, 2020 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, and will run from 8 a.m.

until Noon.

Our vendors will have information regarding services offered locally, health screenings, and a few local businesses will be providing a demo during the health fair.

For local businesses who want to have a booth, registration is \$125 per spot, until Feb. 10, with late registration at \$150 until Feb. 28. Booth registration includes table and two chairs in the assigned space.

"For those businesses who want to have a presence at the health fair, but don't feel their business fits into the health care services category, there is an opportunity to sponsor a non-profit booth or even serve as an event sponsor, which will still al

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Oil price jumps on fear of Iranian retaliation against US

By **CARLO PIOVANO**

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The price of oil surged Friday on concerns that Iran might respond to the killing of its top general by the United States by disrupting global supplies of energy from the Middle East.

News that Gen. Qassem Soleimani, head of Iran's elite Quds Force, was killed in an air attack at the Baghdad international airport prompted expectations of Iranian retaliation against U.S. and Israeli targets.

Amid past flare-ups with the U.S., Iran threatened the supply of oil that travels from the Persian Gulf to the rest of the world. About 20% of oil traded worldwide goes through the Strait of Hormuz, where the shipping lane is only 3 kilometers (2 miles) wide and tankers have come under attack this year.

The international benchmark for crude oil jumped 4.5%, or \$2.98, to \$69.23 a barrel in London trading. The U.S. contract was up 4.3%, or \$2.60, to \$63.78.

"Revenge will come, maybe not overnight, but it will come and until then we need to increase the geopolitical risk premium," said Olivier Jakob, head of consultancy Petromatrix, in a note to investors.

He noted that Iran's response may not be limited to the Strait of Hormuz.

In September, Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels launched drone attacks on the world's largest oil processing facility in Saudi Arabia. The strike briefly took out about half of the supplies from the world's largest oil exporter. The U.S. directly blamed Iran, which denied involvement.

Launching attacks that can't be easily linked back to Iran limits the chances of direct retaliation.

However, Iran has also directly targeted tankers. This year it seized a British-flagged tanker, the *Stena Impero*, for several weeks. And it has shot down a U.S. military drone.

About 80% of the crude oil that travels through

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Oil prices surge, stocks slip after US kills Iran general

By **JOE McDONALD**

AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Oil prices surged and most major global stock markets declined Friday after an Iranian general was killed by U.S. forces in Iraq.

Stock indexes in London, Frankfurt and Paris fell, as did Hong Kong's earlier. Shanghai was little-changed and Japanese markets were closed.

News that Gen. Qassem Soleimani, head of Iran's elite Quds Force, was killed in an air attack at the Baghdad international airport prompted expectations of Iranian retaliation against U.S. and Israeli targets.

"A big fat dollop of geopolitical uncertainty has landed on investors desks," said Jeffrey Halley of Oanda in a report.

There was no immediate indication how Iran would respond, but Tehran has seized oil tankers in the past and shot down a U.S. military drone.

The U.S. government blames Iran for attacks on tankers and a September assault on Saudi Arabia's oil industry that temporarily cut its production by half.

Brent crude, used to price international oils, was \$2.48 higher at \$68.73 per barrel in London after being up nearly \$3 at one point.

Benchmark U.S. crude climbed \$2.19 to \$63.37 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In Europe, Germany's DAX tumbled 1.7% to 13,154 and Italy's FTSE MIB dropped 1.1% to 23,566.

Both countries are net oil importers with big manufacturing sectors. France's CAC 40 fell 0.5% to 6,012 while London's FTSE lost 0.3% to 7,584.

On Wall Street, futures for the benchmark S&P 500 index and Dow Jones Industrial Average were down 0.1%. Both had hit new records Thursday.

In Asia, Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 0.3% to 28,451.50. The Shanghai Composite Index was off 1.5 points at 3,083.79. India's Sensex lost 0.5% to 41,413.36 and Singapore also declined.

Seoul's Kospi was up 1 point at 2,176.46 and Australia's S&P-ASX 200 advanced 0.6% to 6,733.50.

The price of gold, which investors buy in times of uncertainty as a safe haven of value, was up 1.4% at \$1,548.80 per ounce.

Before the escalation in Mideast tensions, investors had been encouraged by expectations of stronger global economic growth in 2020 and the planned signing of an interim U.S.-Chinese trade agreement.

Investors are waiting for Washington and Beijing to formalize the deal that has helped ease market jitters over their 18-month-old fight over China's technology ambitions and trade surplus.

The "Phase 1" pact calls for Washington to roll back punitive tariffs on Chinese goods and for Beijing to buy more American farm products.

This week, President Donald Trump tweeted he will sign the deal at the White House this month.

In currency markets, the dollar declined to 108.09 yen from Thursday's 108.56 yen. The euro edged down to \$1.1140 from \$1.1171.

Building Permits

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder

Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans

James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake

Gloria Cerna, P.O. Box 55, Lamesa
Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa

Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.
Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring

Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin

Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder

Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin

Clayton W. Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder

Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E Parker, Midland
Joanna Esparza, 501 S.Tackitt Seymour, Texas

Carol W. Evans, 809 E 33rd, Plainview, Texas
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Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
Leza Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet

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Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
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William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second St., Stanton, Texas

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Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview

Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
Jennifer Gonzales, 2616 Hunter Dr., Big Spring

James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo

Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene

John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring

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Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring
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Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
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
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Adam William Clendennen, 28, and Roxette Gultiano Alvarez, 26, both of Big Spring.
Paul Olague Landin, 35, and Laura Hermosillo, 35, both of Big Spring.
Michael Franklin Maxwell, 62, Faith Ramona Maxwell, 59, both of Big Spring.
Jesse Lee Metcalf III., 33, and Brandy Nicole Lackey, 31, both of Big Spring.
Tyler Shane Lutz, 25, and Jennie Ann Steel, 22, both of Tennessee.
Joseph Lee Munoz, Jr., 28, and Melinda Sue Simmons, 34, both of Big Spring.
Deisi Porras, 35, and Mlsty Ann Fuentes, 40, both of Big Spring.
Jacob Fehr, 26, and Susie Giesbrecht Rempel, 25, both of Colorado City, Texas.
Jefferson Lee Davis, 40, and Jessica Elaine Matthews, 29, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC
Defendant: Chris Rodriguez
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: Dec. 27, 2019

Plaintiff: U.S. Bank Trust, N.A.
Defendant: Delmas Ward, Susan Ward,
Occupant
Type of Case: Contract-Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: Dec. 30, 2019

Plaintiff: Michael Davis
Defendant: Hannathon Petroleum LLC
Type of Case: Injury/Damage-Other Injury or Damage
Date: Dec. 31, 2019

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

Defendant: Gary Clayton
Offense: Resisting Arrest, Search, or Transport
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court costs, time served
Date: Dec. 2, 2019

Defendant: Patricia Bacon
Offense: Theft of Property (\$100 to \$750)
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court costs, 75 days in jail
Date: Dec. 12, 2019

Defendant: Patricia Bacon
Offense: Theft of Service (\$100 to \$750)
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court costs, 75 days in jail
Date: Dec. 12, 2019

Defendant: Israel Saiz
Offense: Evading Arrest or Detention
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court costs, time served
Date: Dec. 16, 2019

Defendant: Dustin Sowell
Offense: Criminal Trespass of a Property, Building, Aircraft, or Vehicle
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court costs, time served
Date: Dec. 16, 2019

Defendant: Jennifer Yanez
Offense: Possession of Marijuana (less than two ounces)
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$327 court costs, probated six months
Date: Dec. 13, 2019

Defendant: Jerry Martinez
Offense: Resisting Arrest, Search, or Transport
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court costs, time served

Date: Dec. 16, 2019
Defendant: Zakkery Wayne Turner
Offense: Assault Causing Bodily Injury
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court costs, time served
Date: Dec. 5, 2019

Defendant: Israel Saiz
Offense: Possession of a Controlled Substance penalty group 3 (less than 28 grams)
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$327 court costs, time served
Date: Dec. 16, 2019

Defendant: Patricia Bacon
Offense: Theft of Property (\$750 to \$2,500)
Sentence: \$100 fine \$317 court costs, 75 days in jail
Date: Dec. 12, 2019

Warranty Deeds
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Grantor: John Morton
Grantee: Blagrave Farms, Inc.
Property: Being a 20.16 tract out of SW/4 of Section 8, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 31, 2019

Grantor: Gloria Reese
Grantee: Francisco Salas
Property: Lot 2 and 4, Blk. 7, Cedar Crest Addition
Date: Dec. 10, 2019

Grantor: Godwin Dah and Charity Ayers FKA Charity Dah
Grantee: Kofi Semakor
Property: Lot 19, Blk. 25, College Park Estates
Date: Nov. 18, 2019

Grantor: Christie Wendland Larson
Grantee: Paul Douglas Lauterbach
Property: Lot 10, Blk. 13, College Park Estates
Date: Dec. 2, 2019

Grantor: Zaxtra Homes, Inc.
Grantee: Zaxtra Investments Inc.
Property: 1.25 acre tract out of E/2 of Section 18, Blk. 13, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 26, 2019

Grantor: Eladio Rodriguez
Grantee: Paguime Home, LLC
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 20, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: Nov. 26, 2019

Grantor: Diane Phifer
Grantee: Megan Newton
Property: Lot 10, Blk. 51, in the Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Nov. 27, 2019

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
Grantee: Michael Narin
Property: Lot 23, E/4 of Lot 24, Blk. 2, Hayden Addition
Date: Nov. 27, 2019

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens
Grantor: Daren Weatherby and Martina Weatherby f/k/a Martina De Los Santos
Grantee: Jana Kim Crowley
Property: S/10 of lots 17 and 18, and all of lots 18 and 19, Blk. 13, Washington Place Addition
Date: Dec. 28, 2019

Grantor: Mary Ann Wallace
Grantee: George Garland
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 5, Muir Heights Addition
Date: Dec. 31, 2019

Grantor: Minnie Catherine Ontiveros fka Cathy Sutton
Grantee: Correa Holdings, LLC
Property: Lot 11, Blk. 16, Kentwood Addition
Date: Dec. 30, 2019

Grantor: Ismael J. Ayala And Dorlizz Torres
Grantee: Pedro Jesus Hernandez
Property: Lot 12, Blk. 4, Muir Heights Addition
Date: Dec. 2, 2019

Grantor: Joshua Archuleta and Tawnya Archuleta
Grantee: Richard Adam Pirtle
Property: 0.93 tract out of a 3.0 tract out of Section 5, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 27, 2019

Grantor: Christopher J. Villarreal
Grantee: Stephen L. Loftin
Property: Lot 4, Blk. B, Seccion. 1, Stone Creek Subdivision
Date: Nov. 26, 2019

Grantor: Gene Hector and Vicki Hector
Grantee: Preston L. Bowlin
Property: 10.0 acre tract out of SW of Section 3, Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 27, 2019

Montana coal power plant closing two units built in 1970s

By **MATTHEW BROWN**

Associated Press
BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — One of the largest coal-fired power plants in the western U.S. will close two of its four units in coming days as the Montana facility edges toward an eventual total shutdown.

Colstrip Units 1 and 2 — built in the 1970s when massive strip mines were being developed across Montana and Wyoming — will close by Jan. 5 or as soon as they run out of coal to burn, Talen Energy spokeswoman Taryne Williams said Thursday.

The plant employs about 300 people and is the main driver of the economy for the surrounding town of Colstrip, which has about 2,300 people. But it's been unable to compete with surging investments into renewable energy and cheap natural gas, as the coal plant's operating costs have risen with the need for better pollution controls.

Some employees for now will be re-assigned to decommissioning work that will last through mid-2020, Williams said. She said there are "no hard and fast numbers or timelines" as the company considers how many workers will be needed for the remaining two units.

The closure of Units 1 and 2 was long anticipated as demand for U.S. coal collapsed in recent years, and came despite vows by elected officials in Montana to find ways to keep it open.

The two closing units are operated by Pennsylvania-based Talen, which co-owns them with Puget Sound Energy of Washington state.

Sen. Duane Ankney, who represents Colstrip in the Montana Legislature, said the impending closure was a "prime example" of how out-of-state interests were hurting the coal industry to the detriment of Montana.

"Coal does so much more than power our homes. Coal funds our public schools, infrastructure, parks and libraries," the Republican lawmaker said in a statement.

A representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1638, which represents most of the plant's union employees, could not be reached immediately for comment.

Williams said Talen was "committed to doing what is right by our employees" and will help affected workers to transition to a new job.

The doors to the two units are to be welded shut on Saturday, according to Ankney. But there are no plans to dismantle them because of their proximity to the two remaining units, Williams said.

The large volumes of ash generated by burning coal at Colstrip has contaminated underground water supplies with toxic materials and is expected to cost hundreds of millions of dollars to clean up. Plans for that cleanup are pending with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

Six utilities own shares of Colstrip's remaining two units built in the 1980s. Most of the owners are making preparations for operations to cease as early as 2025.

However, one of the owners, Northwestern Energy, plans for Colstrip to keep running past 2040 and announced in December that it wants to acquire part of Puget Sound Energy's interest in Colstrip Unit 4 for \$1.

That would boost South Dakota-based NorthWestern's ownership interest in the power plant to 55% even as many other utilities across the U.S. have been getting out of the coal power market in recent years.

US manufacturing activity falls to lowest level in decade

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. manufacturing activity fell to the lowest level in more than a decade, as the sector was hurt by weakening demand and last year's global economic slowdown.

The Institute for Supply Management, an association of purchasing managers, said Friday that its manufacturing index dropped to 47.2 in December, from 48.1 in November. Last month's level was the lowest since June 2009, when the U.S. economy was at the tail end of the Great Recession.

Any reading below 50 signals contraction — and the index has been below that crucial level since August. The new orders, production and employment components of the index were all negative. But other components of the index — such as a jump in prices — suggest that the setback for manufacturing has bottomed out, said Tim Fiore, chair of ISM's manufacturing business survey committee.

"We've probably seen the worst of it behind us," Fiore said. The manufacturing sector last year was rocked by slower global growth and the escalation of trade tensions between the United States and China. President Donald Trump has announced plans to sign an initial agreement with China this month that may ease some of the drag caused by tariffs and threats of additional import taxes last year.

Still, the survey of companies by ISM shows that manufacturers have suffered. Companies surveyed indicated that there continues to be uncertainty about trade and weak demand from abroad. Out of the 18 industries surveyed, just three reported expansion in December: Food, computers and a category the association labeled as "miscellaneous."

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We hope you had a great start to your year. This week we have Babytime on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Storytime on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7 we will have Tinker Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., join us for STEAM challenges. Code Club this week is canceled, regular times will resume next week Thursday, Jan. 16.

This week's reviews are non-fiction titles.



In *"Homebody: A Guide to Creating Spaces You Never Want to Leave"* (747 GAI J) by Joanna Gaines, Joanna walks you through how to create a home that reflects the personalities and stories of the people who live there.

Using examples from her own farmhouse as well as a range of other homes, this comprehensive guide will help you assess your priorities and instincts, as well as your likes and dislikes, with practical steps for navigating and embracing your authentic design style. Room by room, *Homebody* gives you an in-depth look at how these styles are implemented as well as how to blend the looks you're drawn to in order to create spaces that feel distinctly yours.

A design template at the back of the book offers a step-by-step guide to planning and sketching out your own design plans. The insight shared in *Homebody* will instill in you the confidence to thoughtfully create spaces you never want to leave.

Loneliness pervaded the lives of pioneers on the American plains, including the empty expanses of West Texas. Most settlers lived in isolation broken only by occasional community gatherings such as funerals and religious revivals.

In *"The Lonesome Plains: Death and Revival on an American Frontier"* (976.4 FAI L) by Louis Fairchild, Fairchild mines the letters and journals of West Texas settlers, as well as contemporary fic-

tion and poetry, to record the emotions attending solitude and the ways people sought relief.

Hungering for neighborliness, people came together in times of misfortune, sickness, accident, death, and at annual religious services. Loneliness is most recognized as a feature of life in the time of the early West Texas cattle industry, a period of sprawling cattle ranches and legendary cattle drives, roughly from 1867 to 1885.

But Fairchild shows that it also characterized the lives of settlers who lived in West Texas from the beginning of permanent settlement of the Texas Panhandle (around 1876) through the population shift that occurred around the turn of the century, as farmers and their family's supplanted ranchers and their cattle.

Fairchild draws on primary materials of the early residents to give voice to the settlers themselves and skillfully weaves a moving picture of life in the open spaces of West Texas during the frontier-rural period of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

"Welcome to the Universe: An Astrophysical Tour" (523.1 TYS N) by Neil deGrasse Tyson, Michael A. Strauss, J. Richard Gott III is a personal guided tour of the cosmos by three of today's leading astrophysicists.

Inspired by the enormously popular introductory astronomy course that Neil deGrasse Tyson, Michael A. Strauss, and J. Richard Gott taught together at Princeton, this book covers it all; from planets, stars, and galaxies to black holes, wormholes, and time travel.

Describing the latest discoveries in astrophysics, the informative and entertaining narrative propels you from our home solar system to the outermost frontiers of space.

How do stars live and die? Why did Pluto lose its planetary status? What are the prospects of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe? How did the universe begin? Why is it expanding and why is its expansion accelerating? Is our universe alone or part of an infinite multiverse?

Answering these and many other questions, the authors open your eyes to the wonders of the cos-

mos, sharing their knowledge of how the universe works. Breathtaking in scope and stunningly illustrated throughout, *Welcome to the Universe* is for those who hunger for insights into our evolving universe that only world-class astrophysicists can provide.

Get the facts about CBD oil—what it is, how it works, and how it differs from medical marijuana in *"The CBD Oil Solution: Treat chronic pain, anxiety, insomnia, and more without the high"* (617.7 PAT R) by Dr. Rachna Patel.

Dr. Rachna Patel, is an internationally recognized expert in the field of medical cannabis. She teaches patients how to use CBD oil to relieve their symptoms, transform their health, and live a better quality of life. Cannabidoil (CBD), is capturing headlines as a revolutionary product for health and wellness.

This non-psychoactive compound found in cannabis boasts serious benefits for the mind and body. It can be used to treat a variety of medical conditions, including chronic pain, migraines, anxiety, insomnia, and more. This comprehensive guide from a leading medical practitioner gives you everything you need to know about CBD. Find out more about the many benefits of CBD, what ailments it can treat, and how it could help alleviate your symptoms.

Learn what to look for when purchasing CBD, and how to buy high-quality CBD products. With over 40 recipes for beverages, sweet and savory dishes, and a variety of spa and wellness products, you'll find a CBD solution that's right for you.

"The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book waiting to be written." - Melody Beattie

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'Jeopardy!' titans compete for \$1 million, 'Greatest' title

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Super Bowl is weeks away, but for "Jeopardy!" addicts the big game is here: All-time top money winners Brad Rutter, Ken Jennings and James Holzhauer are facing off for ultimate bragging rights.

"The first person to win three matches will be crowned the greatest of all time," said executive producer Harry Friedman. The winner gets \$1 million, with \$250,000 for each runner-up in the contest that airs on consecutive nights beginning 8 p.m. ET Tuesday.

Host Alex Trebek credits the rookie for making "Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time" happen.

The tournament "was a natural because of the appearance of James Holzhauer," Trebek said. "Prior to that, there wasn't a contestant who measured up, in the eyes of our viewers, to Ken Jennings or Brad Rutter. And here comes James, and wins more money faster than anybody else had ever done on the show, and really caught America's fancy."

Friedman said there had been discussions with ABC about a rare prime-time foray for "Jeopardy!" but the format was proving elusive until professional sports gambler Holzhauer steamrolled his way to glory in 2019 with his smarts, skill and high-roller Daily Double bets.

"There was a lot of online chatter about, 'Is he the greatest player of all time?' 'No, Ken Jennings, because he had that streak,' or somebody would say, 'I think it's Brad Rutter, look at how many times he's won.' So it really sort of fell into place," the producer said.

Trebek, who is being treated for pancreatic cancer as he's continued hosting regular "Jeopardy!" games, wasn't asked directly if he was up to handling the championship series as well.

"We discussed the idea of this competition with him because we wanted to make sure that he supported it as a concept, first and foremost. And he said, 'Oh yeah, let's do.' Enthusiastically," Friedman said.

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the Strait of Hormuz goes to countries in Asia, including China, Japan, India and South Korea.

But the rise in the global price of oil will have a wider effect, particularly in oil-importing countries with big manufacturing sectors like Germany and Italy. Those countries fared worst in the stock market on Friday, with their main indexes falling 1.4% and 1.1% respectively.

The economic damage could be limited given that the energy market is flush with oil while the growth in demand has softened as major economies have slowed. And crude-producing countries - particularly the United States - have been pumping oil at a high rate.

The OPEC cartel and key ally Russia agreed last month to cut their oil production, but many countries have been pumping above their limits.

That has so far kept the price of oil in check. On Friday, the Brent benchmark rose to its highest since May after largely hovering around \$60 a barrel.

A gradual rise in renewable energy production could also limit the economic damage from a jump in crude prices. But experts note that fossil fuels like oil continue to provide the vast majority of energy that drives industry, transportation and heating, among other things.

"(It's part of my job," Trebek said. He was "struggling a bit" during the taping, he said, adding, "Well, it comes with the territory.")

The high-profile contest took place in December. To keep the outcome a mystery, an ABC release has it running through Jan. 16 "if necessary."

For Jennings, knowing who he would face was both stressful — "Usually, it's anybody's guess who makes the finals" — and helpful.

"I could look at tape of them, and they're both extremely scary players, one of whom (Rutter) I've played before. He usually finds a way to win. So I knew these just going to be the fastest, smartest people I've ever seen holding a 'Jeopardy!' buzzer," Jennings said.

Holzhauer also did his homework.

"I studied some more esoteric facts with the expectation that the writers would ramp up the question difficulty, but the big thing I did to prepare was extra reps of buzzer practice, knowing that Brad and Ken are the two best in the history of the show on the signaling device," he said in an email.

It feels "crazy to be compared to the two best players that ever came before me, but I know I can hang with them," Holzhauer said. "One nice factor is that the three of us can have fun trash talking without anyone 'punching down.'"

Rutter considers the players to be evenly matched in their skills.

"It's really all about buzzer timing and knowledge, and all of us are pretty good at that," he said. "Personality-wise, I think Ken is probably the jokiest

of the three, like he throws little quips in, and I'm a little too focused. ... James is also ready with the quips, but he's got the analytical thing down, too."

"But we all put a bunch of strategy into it," Rutter said. Any chance he'd share his? "Tune in to find out."

Rutter enters the contest as the top winner on any TV game show with \$4.69 million in "Jeopardy!" play. Jennings holds the winning-streak record, 74 games, and has collected \$3.37 million. Holzhauer set and broke more than a dozen records for the largest single-day winnings, won the 2019 Tournament of Champions and earned \$2.7 million in winnings.

Rutter is the veteran player, making his first "Jeopardy!" appearance nearly 20 years ago, in October 2000, when champs were "retired" from regular-season play after five victories. Jennings' first game was in June 2004, a year after the rules were changed to allow players to rack up unlimited wins.

Subsequent tournament play has seen Rutter consistently triumph. But Jennings can claim a qualified exhibition victory: During a 2011 face-off with IBM's Watson, the computer won but Jennings topped Rutter to come in second.

The contestants share obvious ability — along with gender. Might a future "Greatest" contest be more inclusive?

"Absolutely," Friedman replied. The contestant pool is more diverse and has more women since online testing was added to make the initial application process widely available, he said.

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low their banners and promotional materials to be placed at the event," ValVerde said.

Corporate sponsorship is also available for \$500 and will include business logo in promotional materials and local media advertising. No registration will be accepted after Feb. 28 in order to allow time for layout design.



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"We are looking forward to this year's health fair and encourage the community to come out and see the changes we have incorporated," ValVerde said. "We are ready to focus on healthy year, healthy you."

To sign up for a booth, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office at 432-263-7641.


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