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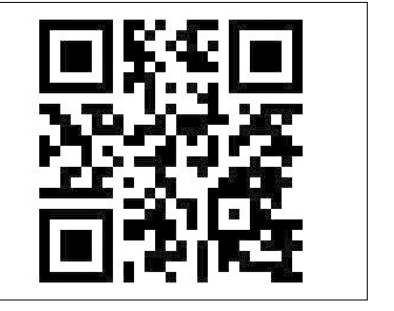
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100,000 meals served by BSISD

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

This past semester has been anything but normal. While teachers, administrators, students, and families have been adapting to the changes that have surfaced the past few months, one thing has remained a constant thanks to the food service workers in Howard County – meals. Just as classroom activity has had to adapt so has the distribution of meals. All the hard work and creativity that has been put into this program reached a milestone on Friday as Big Spring Independent School District food service workers served the 100,000 meal.

“I am so proud of all those who had something to do with the amazing accomplishment! 100,000 meals served throughout our community is almost beyond belief, but it only goes to show the

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Courtesy photo
Big Spring ISD has officially served 100,000 meals since COVID-19 pandemic began. Howard County youth between 1 year of age to 18 years of age, have been able to get a breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday.

2 hours, 300 care packages - Priceless

‘Wash your hands, Fill your trunk’ hosted by United Way

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

A community coming together can do great things. The power of a unified community was evident this past weekend for anyone who drove past Blankenship Field Saturday morning. The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County board members and other volunteers distributed 300 care packages, in an effort to offer some relief during this trying time.

“Everyone involved – recipients, volunteers, donors – were so kind and gracious,” United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Executive Director Christian Fair said. “It might seem like a humbling event, but we wanted to make people feel welcomed and tried to keep it as light hearted and fun as possible. We even had some chocolate to give away, that was sure to bring a smile.”



Courtesy photo
United Way of Big Spring and Howard County board members and other community volunteers joined together last weekend to hand out 300 care packages to Big Spring residents.

to be utilized for the care packages. Through the support of H-E-B, there were 300 care packages put

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The care packages that were provided on Saturday morning were the result of a recent fundraiser specifically designed to raise funds for the pandemic relief. At the onset of COVID-19 the local United Way put together an Emergency Relief Committee to watch and gauge the community impact to see where assistance could be provided. A T-shirt fundraiser was conducted and through those efforts and private donations a total of \$19,000 was able

National Nurses, Hospital Week recognizing frontline workers



Courtesy photo
Scenic Mountain Medical Center staff enjoyed an array of different activities throughout the past couple of weeks, from cookouts, ice cream, prayer night for the community. Thank you to all healthcare workers for your continued dedication to the community.

Permian Basin UWCD Water Level Averages

Special to the Herald
 STANTON - Each year the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) conducts measurements on observation wells in Howard and Martin Counties. The results of those measurements help determine the annual change of the aquifers in this area. The difference of the average water level measurements between 2019 and 2020 is a decline of -0.85 ft. for the District.

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Obituaries

Larry "Rusty" Parkan

Larry "Rusty" Parkan, 62, of Big Spring passed away May 13, 2020.



The family will receive friends at a Celebration of Life Saturday, May 16, 2020, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 905 E. 13th St. Big Spring, Texas.

He was born Aug. 14, 1957, in Victoria, Texas, to Larry James Parkan and Judith Mooneyham.

He is survived by three daughters: Tanya Shuttleworth and husband, Billy, Tammy Schatt and husband, Steve and Kelly Reiser

and husband, Archie; one son: Wesley Boren and wife, Tricia; 29 grandchildren, Bub and wife Joy, Michael and wife, Sarah, Christopher and wife Maeghan, Nicholas, Samantha, K.C., Johnny Boren and wife Amber, Kaulin, Cameron, Stephanie Robinson, Zach, Kiera, Braxton, Chandler, Kristina Rorrer and husband, Thomas, Anastasia, Liam, Wyatt, Keagan, Steven Boren, Sarah Stonerook, K'Dynce, Kalyb, Zailynn, Cassie Daniels and husband, Mike, Caitlin Rawls and husband, Kenny,

Lance, Tyler and Gunner; seven great-grandchildren, Jeremiah, Connor, Christopher Jr., William, LeighAnn, Stetson and Brantlee; His mother, Judith M. Young; three sisters, Cathy Pickens and husband, Clayburn, Patricia Gann and Roxanna Stewart and husband Ken; two brothers, Johnny Lee Young and James Browning; two nephews, Josh and Jason Goodman; two great nieces, Alexis Goodman and Brylee Watkins Goodman; two great-nephews, Drake S. Goodman and Jase H. Goodman; one great-great nephew, Alexander Joshua Gambel; dear friend, Tony Nelson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Katharyn Wheeler Parkan.

The family would like to thank all of Rusty's friends which became extended family. You all meant the world to him. Rusty will be greatly missed.

'We Love you Papa!'

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

Paid Obituary

Terry Dale Brown

Terry Dale Brown, 67, of Ackerly, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, in Lubbock. A Graveside Service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2020, at Ackerly Cemetery, in Ackerly, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, May 17, 2020, at the funeral home.

Terry was born Aug. 13, 1952, in Big Spring, TX to Billy and Gracie Brown. He married Janette Nichols. She preceded him in death.

Terry was a good ole' southern boy. He loved the "Stars and Bars" and was a Texan, through and through. His signature look was a sleeveless denim shirt and a (usually) bright colored welder's cap.

He was a proud member of the NRA and enjoyed hunting, trap shooting, and collecting guns. He was also a member of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club, where he served as Sgt. at Arms.

Some of his favorite activities were donating bicycles to underprivileged children, as well as many other community service endeavors. He was a "Collector of Strays" (be they cats, dogs or people). He loved "Old Blue" (his '67 Chevy Impala), his Harley, Texas Roadhouse, and Patron Margaritas (with a kicker).

He was a salt of the earth guy, who would give you the shirt off his back, and will be dearly missed.

If you are planning on attending services, please come with your best "Terry Brown Story" to share.

Survivors include his daughter, D'Nae Reyna and husband, Cody, of Lubbock; son Billy Brown of Cedar Park; grandchildren Colten Acevedo, Ashlyn Acevedo, Lauren Reyna, Madison Reyna and Braedyn Reyna; and great-grandchildren, Zayne, Elliot and Paisely Acevedo; and numerous other friends and family.

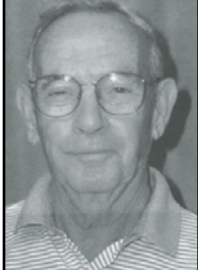
The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please donate to CASA or the The Children's Home of Lubbock.

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

Paid Obituary

Ervin "Fran" Bordofsky

Ervin "Fran" Bordofsky, 85, of Abilene, passed away Thursday, May 14, 2020, in Abilene.



Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2020, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. C.V. Blake, officiating. Private family interment will be in the Texas State Veterans Cemetery on Monday, May 18, 2020. Services are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene.

Fran was born Jan. 11, 1935, in Quanah, Texas, to the late Frank and Margaret (Rowland) Bordofsky. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1953. He served in the US Army. After leaving the service, Fran married Sherrie Fletcher in 1961 and they had two sons, David and Terry.

Fran was a welder and an inspector for Fina refineries in Big Spring and Port Arthur for 32 years.

Fran and Carolee Richardson were married on May 27, 1983, in Big Spring. Fran and Carolee retired to Abilene, Texas, in 1993. Fran enjoyed fishing and volunteering through the RSVP organization building wheelchair ramps for people's homes

and assisted the Abilene Police Department with maintenance of their vehicles.

Fran is survived by his wife Carolee of Abilene; two sons, David Bordofsky and wife Darla of Valley View, Texas, and Terry Bordofsky and wife Lysette of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; two step-daughters, Laura Turner of Horseshoe Bay, Texas and Pam Williams and husband Joe of Hamby, Texas; one brother, Calvin Bordofsky of Abilene; six grandchildren, Jordan Bordofsky, Brooke Bordofsky, Jerrod Bordofsky and wife Kristen, Justin Bordofsky, Nick Bordofsky and Blake Bordofsky and Meisha; two step-grandchildren, Courtnee Johnson and husband Brandon and Haven Williams; two great grandchildren, Aiden and Lola Bordofsky; and two great step-grandchildren, Emma and Kennedy Johnson.

Serving as pallbearers will be Justin, Jerrod, Nick and Blake Bordofsky, David Yates, Joe Williams and Rodney Smith.

Family suggests memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity or Safety City.

The family of Fran Bordofsky wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Hendrick Hospice Care.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.hamilfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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John G. Haynie 'Mopar Man'

Born June 2, 1967, in Big Spring, Texas, grew up on the farm in Lomax, Texas. He went to school in Stanton, TX. John lived his entire life on the farm. He left us to a better place on May 12, 2020, after a battle with cancer at the age of 52.

John was a kind soul, loved his God, family, friends and the S.P.A. Church. He loved the things of old. Thus at the age of 15 he got his first 1959 Dodge 4 door car, which led to collecting old cars. Chrysler Dodge, Plymouths where he earned nickname, 'Mopar Man'. He had many cars, parts, manuals and had a vast knowledge of all the cars of the 1920's-1960's. If anyone needed parts or a car John either had it or knew where it could be found. It was his passion.

He goes to join his Dad, Strawberry, Mom, Joan, sister Margaret, in the after-life.

Leaves behind brothers Howard, Travis and Paul, four nieces and one nephew.

In lieu of flowers family would like donations to Hospice of Midland for the wonderful help they provided to John and his family.

Visitation will be Friday, May 15, 2020, from 6-8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Service will be held Saturday, May 16, 2020, at 3 p.m. at Resthawn North Chapel.

Paid Obituary

Keith Stewart Bailey

Keith Stewart Bailey of Odessa, Texas passed away May 10, 2020, just three days after his 92 birthday. His ashes, along with the ashes of Novilene Gwendolyn Bailey, the love of his life and mother of his children, who passed away on the first anniversary of 9/11, will be spread together during a future memorial ceremony.



Keith was born in Big Spring, Texas, on May 7, 1928, to Nile and Lena Bailey, where he grew up, went to school and worked on the family farm. As a teenager he met his sweetheart Novilene, known to everyone later as Nova, in Kermit, Texas, while working for Texas Electric as a lineman. They met in the soda shop where Nova was

working as a waitress. At the age of 17, they married Sept. 3, 1945, and were married for 57 years. They had their first born, a boy named Bobby Lee, Jan. 12, 1947, and their second baby boy named Mickey Stewart on Sept. 25, 1948.

Keith went to work for Western Glass and Mirror in Big Spring, where he learned the glass trade. Eventually, the family moved to Plainview, Texas, where he became an assistant manager at Plainview Plate Glass and Mirror.

In 1956, Keith was offered a managerial position in Odessa at a brand new auto glass facility named Adams Avenue Glass Company, owned by Odessa Glass and Mirror, which was right next door. He eventually became part owner of Odessa Glass and was manager over the whole facility.

In 1978, Keith sold out of the glass business and

became a salesman for American Amicable Life Insurance Company, where he remained until he retired.

Keith had been a Boy Scout leader, a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Odessa Optimist Club where he was partly responsible for the founding of Optimist Park on Grandview in Odessa, had volunteered for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce for many years, and had worked for the West Texas Relays since 1956 and was a Chamber Ambassador with his wife, Nova.

Keith is survived by his son, Bobby Bailey and wife Debbie, both of Odessa, sister Mary Shanks of San Angelo, brother Roy Bailey of Big Spring, sister Nila Allen of Big Spring, grandchildren Gregory Keith Bailey, and Kira Bailey Steadmon, who visited him twice a day and aided in his care during his last few months. Also, he is survived by Kira's husband, Aaron, and two great grandchildren, Nykayla and younger sister Robyn, who shares the same birthday as Keith. He was preceded in death by his wife Novilene, son Mickey Stewart Bailey, brother Euell Bailey and sister Mona Blackwell, along with his parents, Lena and Nile Bailey.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff at Parks Senior Living and Rehab in Odessa for their care and kindness during the last months of his life. Special thanks and gratitude goes to Miriam and Brandon Scott for the extraordinary care after his stroke and upon his return from rehab at Parks. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Odessa, where he had been a member since 1956.

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Obituaries

Linda Lois Thixton McKnight

Linda Lois Thixton McKnight, 76, went home to be with the Lord on May 13, 2020, following a 10-month battle with cancer. Linda was born Aug. 18, 1943, in Big Spring, Texas, to Cecil Thixton and Ora McDaniel Thixton. She attended schools in Big Spring and Coahoma, Texas and graduated from Coahoma High School. Linda married Thomas J. (TJ) McKnight on June 24, 1962. They were blessed with two children; a daughter Kelley McKnight White and a son Thomas Scott McKnight. Linda was a career home maker, an entrepreneur, an amazing seamstress, and avid gardener. She loved her dog Ginger and grand-dogs Shore and Surf all who were a great comfort to her. Linda loved spending time with her family but especially adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruth Barron Manuel

Ruth Barron Manuel, 94, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Brad Daniels and Rev. Scott Kirkland officiating. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Dawson County Cemetery in Lamesa, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. To 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at the funeral home. Survivors include three daughters, Sandra McElreath and Sherry Mitchell, both of Arlington; and Sara Mott of Melissa; six grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert Barron, of Odessa; and several nieces and nephews.

Dalton Lewis

Dalton Lewis, 65, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Dalton was born Nov. 15, 1954, in Big Spring to Fern and Weldon Lewis. He married Carol Hollingsworth on December 15, 1995. She preceded him in death on Dec. 25, 2012. He worked 20 years at Saunders Company. He then owned All American Cabinet until 2012. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County except while serving in the Air Force. He was a Baptist. Dalton loved history, classic rock and chess.

Eva Rubio

Eva Rubio, 72, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with Vigil service at 7 p.m. Friday. Funeral Service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Eva was born July 24, 1947, in Nieves Durango Mexico. She traveled between El Paso and Big Spring. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a member of Guadalupanas. She led rosaries, loved helping people. She loved cooking, gardening, and most of all being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

CARE

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together for distribution. The care packages included: two rolls of toilet paper, beans, rice, potatoes, cooking oil, cereal, granola bars, crackers, peanut butter, three cans of tuna, canned peaches, peas and green beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cookies, a loaf of bread, a gallon of tea and a package of juice boxes. In addition to the food and household supplies, a \$20 gift card to H-E-B was also provided along with coupons from Dickey's BBQ, Whataburger and Taco Bell.

"We (United Way) knew we wanted to do something to lighten the burden of the citizens of our community. A trunk full of groceries and a tank of

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Marijo Thixton Walker and Carijo Thixton, and her brother Garner Thixton. She is survived by her husband TJ, sisters Rose Teeler and Tammey Johnson, sister-in-law Eunice Thixton; her children, Kelley R. McKnight White and husband Rayford of Keller, and Thomas Scott McKnight of Jonestown. Linda is also survived by grandchildren, Bryson J. White and wife Chelsea of Houston, and Wesley S. White and wife Amanda of Austin. She is survived by great-grandchildren Harvey White and Silas White as well as many nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held Saturday, May 16, 2020. In lieu of flowers, it was Linda's wish that memorial donations would be given to the American Cancer Society (<https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/memorial-giving.html>).

A special thank you to Eunice Thixton for her tender care of Linda in her last days as well as her support to Tom.

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The family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project, <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate> or to Trinity Baptist Church Missions, 1701 E. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Dalton is survived by his son: Michael Lewis of Big Spring; daughter: Casandra De La Cruz and Jimmy Brown of Big Spring; and their mother: Jennifer TeGantvoort of Big Spring; four grandchildren: Johnny De La Cruz, III, Aariah De La Cruz, Joshua De La Cruz, and Alysandra De La Cruz, all of Big Spring; one great granddaughter: Nadya De La Cruz of Boswell; one brother: Charlie Lewis and Charla of Big Spring; one sister: Glenda James of Big Spring; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Dalton was preceded in death by one son: Johnathan Lewis; one grandson: Malichi Lewis; and one sister: JoAnn Kennedy.

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Eva is survived by two sisters: Leocadia Vargas of Sunland Park, New Mexico and Maria de Jesus Menchoca of Hobbs, New Mexico; brother: Carlos Rubio of Nieves Durango, Mexico; daughter: Ana Guereca of Big Spring; son: Jose Villagrana of Big Spring; grandchildren: Nubia Valdez, Israel Valdez, Alma Guereca, David Villagrana, and Ana Villagrana; great grandchildren: Riley McCalister and Francisco Padilla.

Eva was preceded in death by her father: Evaristo Rubio; mother: Juana Mares Rubio; husband: Jose Luis Villagrana; brother: Francisco Rubio; sister: Soledad Hernandez; and her niece: Rosa Romero.

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gas seemed like a good place to start," Fair said. "We have an Emergency Relief Committee in place and they will continue to watch and gauge the needs of our community as our town and economy begin to open back up."

Fair continued, "We also want to offer some relief to our partner agencies whom have been hit hard throughout this pandemic and shut down by helping people with rent, food, gas and utilities or even struggling to pay the bills for their own agencies."

To find out more ways to support the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County visit the Facebook Page or call the office at 432-267-5201.

See photos from the event on the Life Cover, Page 1B.

MEALS

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dedication and determination shown by all those in our food service department to make sure our kids were fed during this unprecedented crisis that nobody could have predicted," Jay McWilliams, Big Spring ISD Superintendent, said.

The meal distribution began on March 16, for Big Spring ISD students, with three pick up sites – Marcy, Moss and Big Spring Junior High. A week later, there were 20 bus routes added to that distribution list in an effort to expand access for families who could not make it to one of the original three locations. In addition to additional access, hot foods were placed on the menu.

"Our partnership with Aramark has indeed been very productive for all concerned, and I appreciate the hard work put in by the entire staff. This has also been a huge asset to our entire community. I cannot thank Kim and her group enough for their dedication to Big Spring ISD," McWilliams said.

In addition to the Monday through Friday meals provided by the school district, weekend meals were able to be added with the partnership of Food2Kids. This partnership began on May 8, which added two more meals for students. According to Kimberly Young, Food Service Director, each meal bag contains a breakfast and lunch entree along with a juice, fruit, vegetable and a milk per meal.

"We are able to provide curbside pick up at the building sites and the bus pick up locations are walk up stops," Young said.

While the school year is almost over, the food service program is not. There will be changes made to the distribution process, but the service will continue allowing community youth to enjoy a breakfast and lunch meal provided by the ISD.

The meal service program through Big Spring ISD will continue through June 30. Pick up locations will include the three building sites and 18 bus locations.

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Raymond Overton, 61, died Sunday. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dalton Lewis, 65, died Tuesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Eva Rubio, 72, died Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with Vigil service at 7:00 PM Friday. Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Notice of Public Hearing on Howard County Appraisal District Budget

The Howard County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on May 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM in the offices of the Howard County Appraisal District, 315 S. Main, Big Spring, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$1,153,932.60
The total amount of decrease over the current year's	\$146,421.20
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	10
The number of employees compensated under the current year's budget.	9

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units, served by the appraisal district.

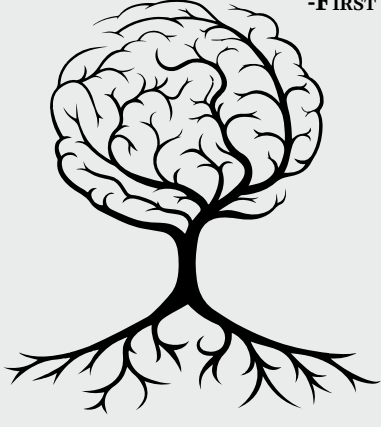
If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office at 315 S. Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720. They can be reached at (432) 263-8301 and information is available on the website www.howardcad.org

Opinion

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

-FIRST AMENDMENT



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Opportunity Overseas

Bret Cali had to close his store and café in Bend because he was getting too many customers. Sound strange? Well, we are living in a strange time. It happened right after spring break when Bret was busy taking care of a big influx of tourists who had come for a few days' rest at his place and at the Colorado Bend State Park just down the road. His neighbors in San Saba County asked him to shut down because they feared some of those visitors might be carrying the virus and bringing it in his store and café. Bret is still on the premises doing some updating, but his business is temporarily closed.

Bret can roll with the tide. He has done it many times before. He is a man of many experiences in many places including Alaska where he worked for a company that fished for salmon. He has had a variety of jobs, from a hospital

DJ playing tunes for patients to being a show producer and entertainer. He can also marry people. "I charge extra if I have to put on a button shirt," says Bret, who has managed to avoid marriage for himself.

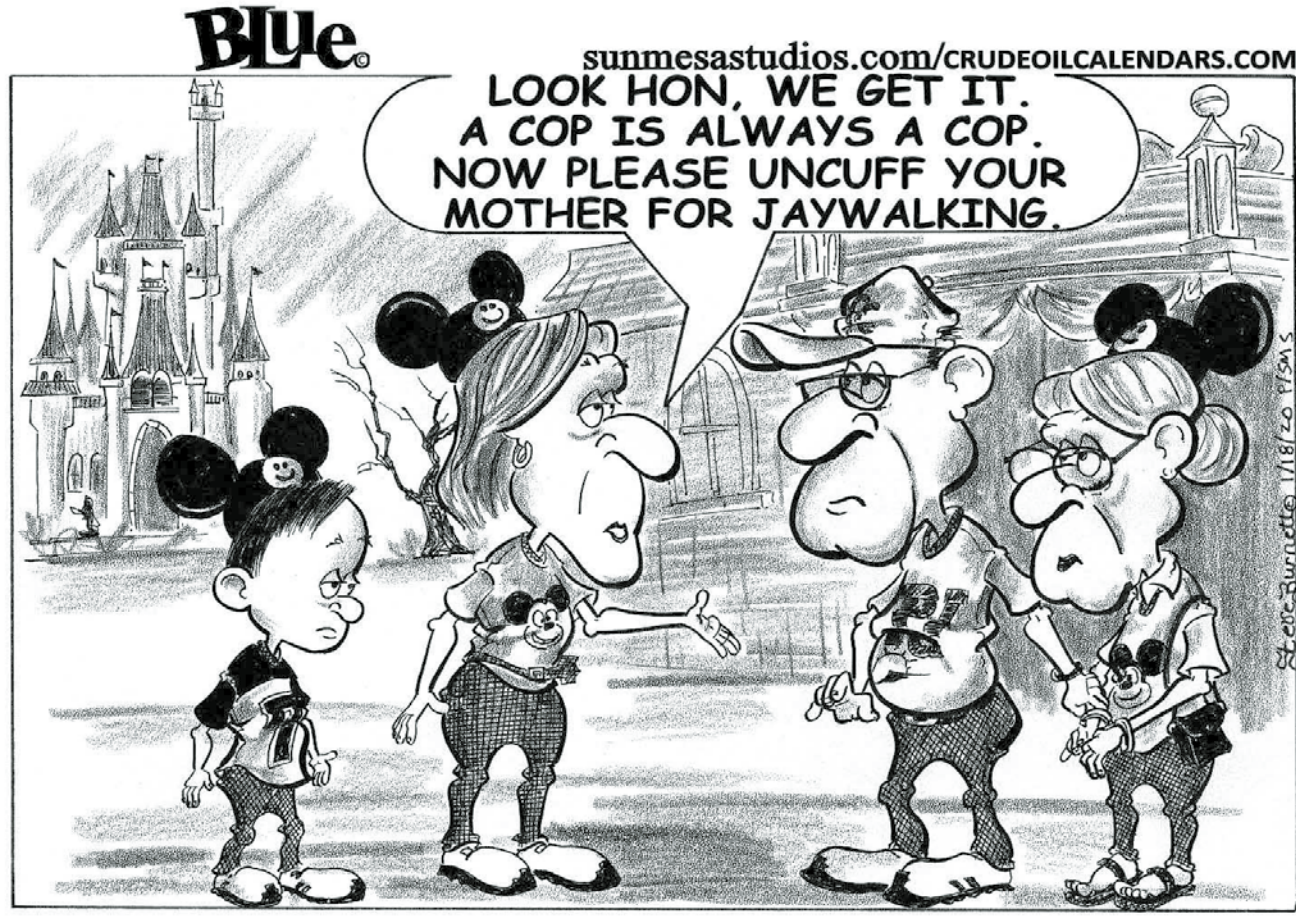
He lived in London a couple of years. One day he saw an old beat-up truck with a sign on it advertising a landscape company. That gave him an idea. He and his roommate started doing some research. "We were in the wealthier part of London and we found this book on the English landscape and a poem by Alexander Pope so we made a flyer containing words from Pope's poem: 'Where you walk cool gills shall fan the glade and where you sit, trees shall crowd into a shade and everything shall flourish before your eyes.' We listed all these vast landscaping projects that we could do, then got on our bikes and put these flyers in mailboxes. We didn't have any postage money.

"One night we were sitting in a pub and this American lady called and said her husband was mak-

ing a movie in London and they were renting a mansion from the owner who was in Greece. The owner said they could do whatever landscaping they wanted as long as he approved it. We went by the next day and talked to her. She wanted different levels and all sorts of stuff. I had mowed yards in junior high school and thought that qualified me to do involved landscape jobs. She asked us for a bid and said she would submit it to the owner. She told us that she was so honored to have both owners of the company take the time to stop by. We told her we had another project in the neighborhood. Our bicycles were parked around the corner. So we went to the library and looked at architecture books and then called all sorts of landscape companies, found one that seemed reputable, took the price they offered, added much more to it and gave her the bid. The owner in Greece said that was fine. So while this company did all the work, I just rode my bike by there occasionally to see that everything was going ok. We called our company Arcadia Urban Woodlands." Bret got a good job offer in the states and gave up his landscape business.



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A book by a back-up

"No one is an idol to his valet." Historian/writer Thomas Carlyle so contended two centuries ago.

In one case dating back 60+ years, Carlyle would have been "dead wrong" about a couple of Brownwood High School athletes. Lawrence Elkins--the "idol"--re-wrote dozens of records in four sports, dazzled at Baylor in football and might have rewritten National Football League stats if injuries hadn't "done him in."

His "valet"--a year behind him--subbed for Elkins on the 1960 AAA State Championship football team. Ron Davis, also 76, is best known for church music ministry. Now, he's also an author, writhing about his hero.

A friend claims that about one of every 100 people who mention writing a book does so, and of that number, only a handful get around to publishing.

At one of Lawrence's eight hall of fame inductions several years ago, Ron told Lawrence he'd like to write a book about the Brownwood sports legend.

Elkins answered, "Go for it." For the past few years, he has conducted interviews, visited sports luminaries and researched vigorously. Published late last year, his book includes many stories and statistics. Elkins--a three-sport star at BHS--was Baylor University's first-ever consensus All-American football player to earn the honor in suc-

cessive years (1963 and 1964).

It's as much about "heart" as athletics, though. Elkins' "ticker" is as big as the expanse of the Old West, and his Texas drawl exceeds any the Marlboro man could muster.

He was the product of an asphalt-covered Central Elementary playground, a hard-scrabble childhood and races to the dinner table to "avoid being last." There were nine other half-brothers and sisters, and he was the youngest.

Yep, he was, as they say, "all boy." His mother, an ardent church-goer, regularly dragged him to the Pentecostal Church of God, stationing him on the first pew.

Once, a lady seated next to him accidentally blackened his eye with an errant elbow.

"Momma let me sit on the second pew for a few Sundays, and called me a 'little heathen' less often," he mused, admitting he was "somewhat inattentive."...

Everyone knew he was destined to greatness, this youngster who balanced on handlebars of bicycles ridden by siblings and friends. Besides re-writing high school football, basketball and track records, he was an ace pitcher on amateur teams each summer.

But, football was king. When the late Gordon Wood came to town in 1960, the Lions had beaten Breckenridge only once, back in 1941. Elkins helped the Lions beat the Buckaroos 18-14, en route to the 1960 AAA championship.

(Immediately, Wood was THE town favorite, so viewed until his death in 2003.

After all, he won seven BHS state football titles)...

The Elkins' word was their bond. After a baseball tournament in 1961, a scout offered Lawrence a \$25,000 signing bonus. Lawrence's dad--a big baseball fan who supported his family driving trucks and later operating a bank elevator--was big-eyed.

But Lawrence's mom reminded him of his commitment to Baylor, and off to college he went.

There, he set several records (none of them academic, he jokes), and fans still speak of him in reverent tones.

Upon graduation, he signed with the Houston Oilers for \$170,000, kidded a year later by Texas Tech's Donnie Anderson, who signed with Green Bay for \$944,000.

"The Oilers' offer included the gift of a Phillips 66 service station, which Elkins claimed upon retirement. With a chunk of his bonus, he remodeled his folks' home, bought them a new car and deposited \$2,500 in their bank account. He also funded central heating and cooling for his mom's church.

The 76-year-old Elkins--with "creaks in his get-along"--lives in Clifton with wife Becky.

Elkins and Davis are "co-champions" in one category, that being for their absolute humility. Read the Amazon book, and you'll understand why. They're both champions.

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FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS
We Can't Wait To See You!

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches conducts annual clinic virtually this year

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) has been putting together their yearly coaching clinic through virtual meetings and lectures with some of the top minds in basketball from throughout the country during this past week.

Some of the meetings are focused on offense and some are focused on defense. There have been coaches such as Baylor's associate head coach Jerome Tang who even focus on other things that matter on the court such as body language and communication with your players.

Alabama-Huntsville coach John Shulman spoke about how no matter what level of coaching you are at, it is important to the players on your team that you put just as much, if not more, effort into the game of basketball than they do.

"Levels of coaching do not matter," Shulman said during his video conference. "If you use the words 'I'm just a...' to describe your current coaching job, shame on you! Your job is important to your kids!"

Some other star speakers included 2018 WNBA Coach of the Year Nicki Collen as well as ESPN analyst Fran Fraschilla. Each one of those coaches spoke about important concepts and one of them caught the eye of a local coach from Howard County.

"(Fraschilla) talked about pick-and-rolls and different ways to run independent and that was prob-



TABC Logo

ably one of my favorite ones," Forsan coach Cory Richardson said.

The purpose of these meetings is to coach up the coaches from around Texas and assist them in finding new ways to improve their own squads. With high school coaches having rosters that are ever-changing, these virtual clinics are very useful in helping coaches adapt, and possibly even switch, to new systems that may be more effective with the players they have at their disposal.

The annual TABC clinic has never had a more impressive bunch of guest speakers and prep coaches

around the state are taking notes and preparing themselves for additions they will be making to their practice and game plans this winter.

"A lot of them gave drills and things that they do to reinforce the stuff that they're teaching and we'll basically try to do the same thing," Richardson said. "Just some different drills and techniques of teaching the same old thing. Basketball has changed but it's still the basic stuff so you still have to teach them how to block-out, rebound and shoot. I found several drills that will help mix it up and keep all the guys interested."

Even though the TABC Clinic had to be done online this year, there was still plenty of knowledge to be gained. Some coaches even considered the virtual meetings to be more beneficial than the in-person ones. With the meetings online, any coach can log-in online and pull up any of the coaching sessions, at anytime, to go back and study.

While COVID-19 still has hold of the athletic community throughout Texas, the TABC has excelled at putting together their yearly clinic.

"They've had more speakers than they usually have and some high-quality college coaches," Richardson said. "This year has been different but it's been pretty cool."

It is important to remember that players are not the only ones who can learn new things, coaches can too.

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Game Warden Field Notes: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Special to the Herald

Right Place, Right Time

A Hardin County game warden was patrolling Village Creek by boat when he came across a woman in distress at just the right time. Two ladies had been paddling in two separate canoes when one of the women flipped over in deep water with a strong current and couldn't get loose from the trees or get her belongings out of the canoe. The warden gave her his life jacket and instructed her to grab the warden from the canoe and move downstream to a sandbar. He then grabbed the canoe and pulled it in his patrol boat and met both ladies downstream at the sandbar to make sure they were ok. He retrieved the lifejacket that she lost and gave it back to her and they were on their way again.

Pinocchio and Pinocchietta

A Hardin County game warden wrapped an investigation that began when the warden was looking for information on social media about a possible stolen boat. It turned out that the boat wasn't stolen, but one of the individuals he was investigating had posted a photo last November of his fiancé posing with a white-tailed doe she had harvested. The warden checked his records and saw that the woman had purchased her hunting license at a store near her home the same day as the post, but at 7 p.m. which was later than the social media post. Further investigation revealed that the deer was killed on a ranch in Real County and the warden enlisted the help of a Real County game warden to check the logbooks at the ranch. When the Hardin County game warden interviewed the couple, they were adamant that they had purchased the hunting license before they had gone on their week-long trip to the Hill Country and denied buying when they returned. The warden explained to the couple that he had time and date stamped information about when the license had been purchased and they had posted the picture of a harvested deer in Real County the same day she purchased a license in Hardin County. The couple still wasn't convinced, so the warden went to the store where the license was purchased, and the loss prevention manager looked up the transaction. As expected, the video showed the couple together at the store at 7 p.m. purchasing the hunting license. After showing them the pictures of themselves from the video, they admitted to buying the license when they returned from their trip. Citations for taking a white-tailed deer without a hunting license and restitution are being filed. Case pending.

Losing all my Cool

A Polk County game warden was checking fisherman on a nearby shoreline for freshwater fishing compliance when he spotted a man emerging from under a bridge with a pole and tackle box. When the warden asked if he had a fishing license, the man said he didn't need one because he wasn't fishing. The warden showed the man the fresh bait and water dripping off the hook and asked if he would like to start over. The man then confessed to fishing, not having a license and being on probation. When asked if he had any weapons or illegal narcotics, the man said he didn't want to go to jail and admitted to having marijuana in his car. The warden started to do a pat down search when the man turned and tried to distract the warden, then confessed to possibly having cocaine in his possession. The warden found multiple folded dollar bills containing a white powdery substance. A Polk County Sheriff's Office Narcotics and Probation Officer was contacted and took over the case. Charges pending.

Guided by Gobbledygook

Around 11 p.m., Schleicher County dispatch contacted a local game warden about a 911 call from two lost turkey hunters who stayed out too late and couldn't find their vehicle. The warden called the hunter's cell phone trying to find their location, but they were in a ranch they didn't know the name or location of and were shown where to park by an out of town guide that was paid in cash and whose first name was all they knew. Due to poor cell service, the

call was dropped so the warden texted them asking them to drop a pin of their location and call him back. The warden and two Schleicher County Deputies responded to the location where the 911 call was made, but the hunters had left. They turned on their emergency lights and sirens hoping to reach the hunters through the PA speakers. At 12:45 a.m., the hunters found cell service and called back. Their guide sent the pair a pin of his location and told them to walk to him. This pin was in the opposite direction of law enforcement and four miles away through three additional ranches. The warden confirmed that the hunters could hear the sirens and told them to walk to his location. Around 2 a.m., two very tired and dehydrated turkey hunters emerged from the woods and were given water. The hunters described the road they drove to the ranch they were hunting on and found out the ranch they were currently on was not where the hunt started. The hunters went through the unlocked, shared neighboring gate thinking it was a pasture gate. The hunters finally contacted their guide who was driving every county road and highway in the area and not at the location of his dropped pin. The warden coordinated with the guide to pick an intersection for them to meet and the hunters were dropped off with the guide around 3 a.m. One citation for no hunting license was issued and strong encouragement to learn the full names of guides and precise locations of any future hunt.

FIN-ito

Two Harris County game wardens were searching the web when they saw a restaurant advertising shark's fin and shredded chicken soup on their menu. The wardens visited the location and inspected the restaurant's aquatic resources and invoices. During the inspection, the wardens found what appeared to be frozen shark fins inside one of the freezers. One of the wardens asked the owner about the item in the freezer and they confirmed it was shark fin and showed the warden to a near-by stove where sharks fin soup was being cooked for personal consumption. Shortly after, the second warden found another piece of shark's fin wrapped in cellophane in a near-by freezer. The owner again insisted that it was for personal consumption. The warden then picked up a menu off a nearby table and pointed to the soup section which listed sharks fin soup for sale. All sharks fin was seized, and charges are being filed with the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Oy(ster) Vey

Galveston Bay County game wardens were inspecting commercial oyster on Galveston Bay when they came across a boat that had a sack of oysters with 15.29% undersized- three times the allowed limit. When asked about what they were using to measure the oysters, the captain said "Nothing." This was the captain's second time being cited for possessing undersized oysters. Approximately 1,100 pounds of oyster were returned to the reef.

Road Hunting is Not OK

A Red River County game warden received a report about possible road hunting that had just occurred. According to a witness, the vehicle had an Oklahoma license plate. After receiving information about where the road hunting had happened, the warden set up and waited at the intersection with the only routes back to Oklahoma. A short time later, a vehicle matching the witnesses description approached the intersection and the warden conducted a traffic stop. The passenger admitted to shooting feral hogs from the road on a private property and was taken to the Red River County Jail where the appropriate road hunting charges were filed. The rifle, equipped with night vision and an attached spotlight, was seized. Cases pending.

Blinded by the Lights

Two Limestone County game wardens responded to a vehicle accident east of Mexia involving a vehicle overturned in a creek bed with a man trapped inside.

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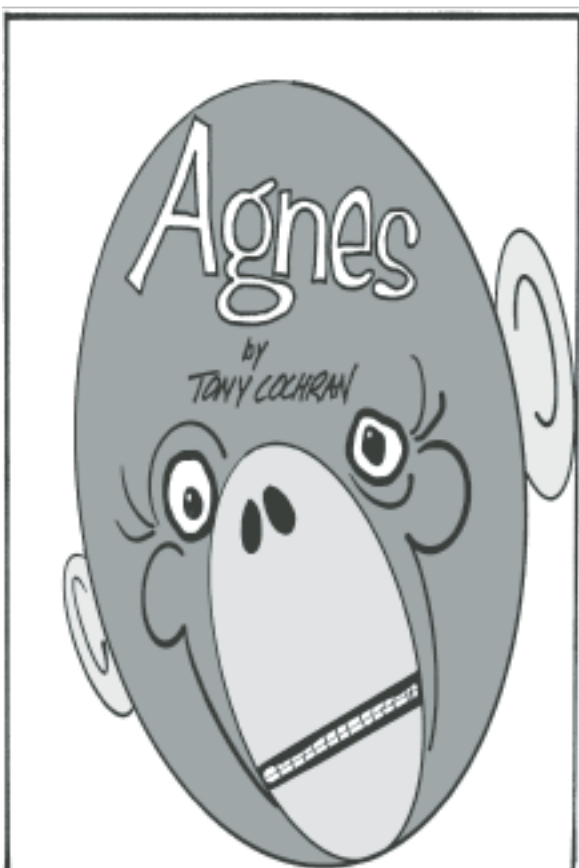
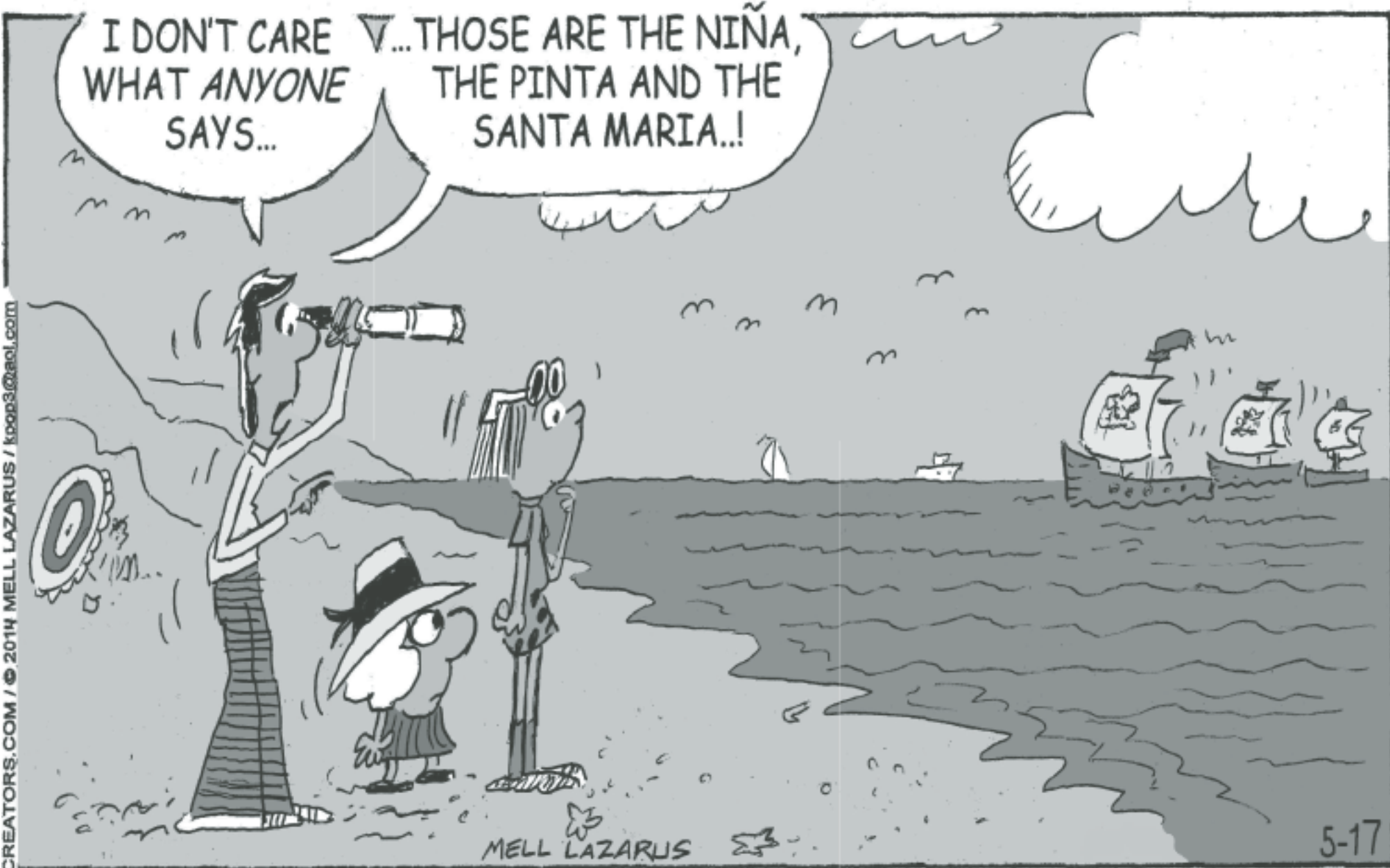
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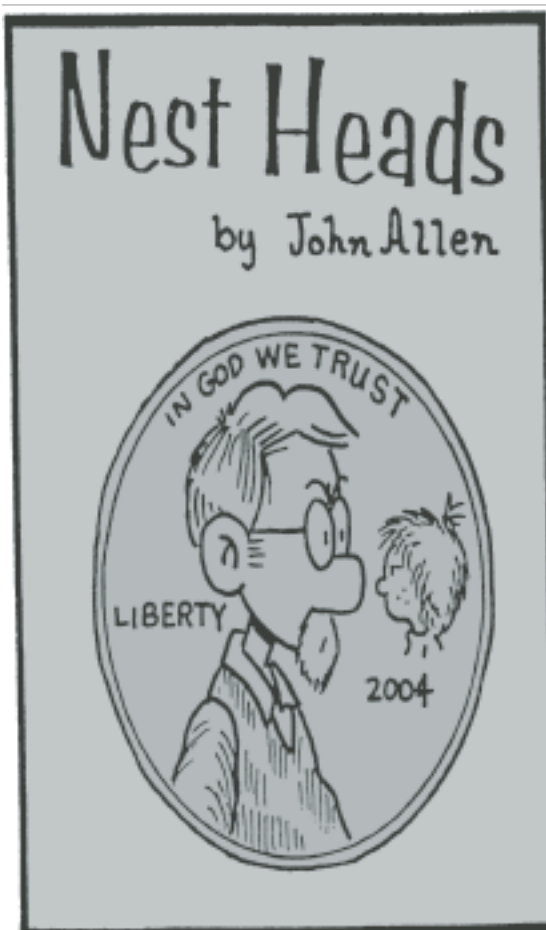
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Sandra Verdin

This week's reviews include fiction and non-fiction titles.

Fifteen years after the events of *The Handmaid's Tale* the stories of three women unfolds in "The Testaments" (F ATW M) by Margaret Atwood. The Theocratic regime of the Republic of Gilead maintains its grip on power, but there are signs that it is beginning to rot from within. At this crucial moment, the lives of three radically different woman converge, with potentially explosive results. Two have grown up on opposite sides of the border, one in Gilead as the privileged daughter of an important commander, and one in Canada, where she marches in anti-Gilead protests and watches news of its horrors on TV. The testimonies of these two young woman, part of the first generation to come of age in the new order, are braided with the third voice, that of

one of the regime's enforcers, a woman who wields power through the ruthless accumulation and deployment of secrets. Long buried secrets are what finally bring these three together, forcing each of them to come to terms with who she is and how far she will go for what she believes.

A man known as the Oracle uncovers the mysteries of the age, past, present, and future in "The Oracle" (F CAH J) by Jonathan Cahn.

The Oracle unearths the mystery birthed in the Middle Eastern desert over three thousand years ago that is now determining the events of the day. He discovers an ancient revelation that pinpoints the happenings of modern times down to the years, the months, and even the dates. Follow the journey of the Oracle as he uncovers and encounters a stranger, a man in a black robe, the lost city, angelic guides and the awakening of the dragon.

In 2017, a routine network television investigation led Ronan Farrow to a story only whispered about, one of Hollywood's most powerful producers was a predator, protected by fear, wealth, and a conspiracy of silence.

In "Catch And Kill" (331.4 FAR R) by Ronan Farrow, Farrow's investigative journalism sheds far-reaching light on investigations that shook the culture and breaks down the stories about the rampant abuse of power. As Farrow drew closer to the truth, shadowy operatives, from high-priced lawyers to elite war-hardened spies, mounted a secret campaign of intimidation, threatening his career, following his every move, and weaponizing an account of abuse in his own family. All the while, Farrow and his producer faced a degree of resistance that could not be explained, until now. A trail of clues revealed corruption and cover-ups from Hollywood, to Washington, and beyond. This is the untold story of the exotic tactics of surveillance and intimidation deployed by wealthy and connected men to threaten journalists, evade accountability,

and silence victims of abuse, and it's the story of the women who risked everything to expose the truth and spark a global movement.

When Julie Zhuo became a rookie manager at the age of 25, she felt like she didn't really know what she was doing. In "The Making Of A Manager" (658.4 ZHU J) by Julie Zhuo, Julie shares the lessons she has learned along her journey.

When she started her journey as a new manager she stared at a long list of logistics from hiring to firing, from meeting to messaging, from planning to pitching, and faced a thousand questions and uncertainties. How was she supposed to spin teamwork into value? What was the secret to leading with confidence in new and unexpected situations? Now, having managed dozens of teams spanning tens to hundreds of people, Julie knows the most important lesson of all, great managers are made, not born. In this modern field guide packed with everyday examples, Julie shares transformative insights to help you figure out how to tell a great manager from an average manager, when you should look past an awkward interview and hire someone anyway, how to build trust with your reports and where to look when you lose faith and lack the answers.

"In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you." - Mortimer J. Adler

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What is love? Examples abound

By RALPH ANDERSON

ROMANS 12:9-21; This is the most practical section of any of Paul's epistles. In this passage he gets down to where a man really lives and applies the doctrine of salvation through the grace of God, to his everyday, work-a-day life. It would be impossible in the space allowed in this article to discuss even briefly this great portion of scripture. We are looking at LOVE in order to encourage each of us to grow in this concept. I am presenting in this article the4 following outline of what Paul is saying to each of us:

1. Love is Sincere, vs. 9a. "Let love be without hypocrisy."

2. Love is Discriminating, vs. 9b. "Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good."

3. Love is Fraternal, vs. 10a "In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another."

4. Love is Humble, vs, 10b. "In honor preferring one another."

5. Love is Practical, vs, 11. "In diligence not slothful, reverent in spirit."

6. Love is Exultant, vs. 12a. "Rejoicing in hope."

7. Love is Enduring, vs. 12b. " Patient in tribulation."

8. Love is Prayerful, vs. 12c. "Continuing steadfastly in prayer."

9. Love is Helpful, vs, 13. "Com-

municating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality."

10. Love is Gracious, vs. 14, "Bless them that persecute you; bless and curse not,"

11. Love is Sympathetic, vs. 15. "Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep."

12. Love is Unifying, vs, 16a. "Be of the same mind towards one another."

13. Love is Lowly, vs. 16b. "Set your mind on high things, but condescend to things that are lowly. Be not wise in your own conceits."

14. Love is without Retaliation, vs. 17a. "Render to no man evil for evil."

15. Love is Provident, vs. 17b.

"Take thought of things honorable in the sight of all men."

16. Love is Peaceful, vs, 18. "If possible, as much as is In you lieth, be at peace with all men."

17. Love is Without Vengeance, vs, 19-20. "Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto the wrath of God; for it is written Vengeance belongs unto Me; I will recompense, saith the Lord. But if thy enemy hunger feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in doing so you will heap coals of fire upon his head."

18. Love is Victorious, vs. 21. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

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Local authorities were able to safely remove the driver from the vehicle and wardens were assisting with traffic control on the road. While traffic was being safely guided, the wardens saw an SUV trying to go around their patrol vehicle, ignoring the emergency lights and roadblock. The wardens signaled the man to stop and when they approached the vehicle, saw that the driver had bloodshot eyes and was slurring his speech. There were also several alcoholic beverages in the vehicle. The driver was detained and admitted to drinking several alcoholic beverages. After failing a field sobriety test, he was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated and transported to the Limestone County Jail for booking.

Acting Squirrelly

An Angelina County game warden was approaching a boat ramp on the Angelina River just before dark when he saw someone driving in his direction. A man quickly laid a gun on the bow of the boat and walked away. When the warden approached the two people aboard the vessel, one decided to change out of wet socks while the other kept talking on their cell phone. The warden

unloaded the .22 rifle left on the bow and inspected the cooler in the boat which contained a squirrel that was dressed and put on ice. Since the man started squirrel season six days early, he was issued a citation for hunting squirrels during a closed season. Case is pending.

That's a Twist; That's Very Twisty

A Williamson County game warden was contacted by a Travis County Sheriff's Deputy about a boat the deputy had stopped on Lake Travis that had the boat hull identification number visibly removed. The operator of the boat said he bought the vessel a short time ago and showed the officers a title and bill of sale. The deputy and warden investigated the paperwork of the vessel and found out the title was legitimately signed, but the bill of sale was falsified. Upon further inspection, the officers determined that the vessel didn't match the paperwork the operator of the boat had presented. The registration number on the paperwork belonged to a Wellcraft, and the validation number belonged to the operator but for a Kayot boat. Additionally, the engine horsepower, serial number and sterndrive number returned to a Baja vessel. The Baja was listed as stolen out of Travis County in January, along with the trailer. The owner of the Baja was contacted, and the boat was verified as the stolen vessel. The vessel and trailer were returned to the original owner and the operator of the vessel was charged with possession of stolen property.

NASCAR putting its safety plan to test as racing restarts

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

Crew chief Chad Knaus won't get a look at the car Hendrick Motorsports built for Darlington Raceway until he gets to the track Sunday morning, a few hours before the race.

Kurt Busch? He's already sat in his Chip Ganassi Racing car and met with his crew chief.

The return to racing for NASCAR has brought with it a set of safety protocols that will be strictly enforced at the track Sunday when the Cup Series goes racing for the first time in more than two months after a pandemic-forced hiatus. The stock car series can only trust competitors to follow the guidelines away from the track — and teams appear to have different interpretations.

"No face-to-face or contact with these guys whatsoever. Everything has been on (Zoom) team meetings," said Knaus, a seven-time championship winning crew chief. "That's the recommendation by NASCAR for the traveling teams to stay as isolated as they can and try to keep everybody at the race track as healthy as we can. That's the protocol we put into place and that's what we've been abiding by."

Not others.

Busch dropped by the Ganassi shop Thursday. He wanted a face-to-face meeting with crew chief Matt McCall before Darlington after two months of communicating via phone or computer.

"Just him and I, separated from the group," Busch said. "There's a shift change where the shop is empty for an hour, so it will be just him and I following (social) distancing."

Xfinity Series driver Ryan Sieg posted a video of an Atlanta news station visiting his Georgia-based team Thursday that showed three crew members standing side-by-side. None wore face masks or

other protective equipment.

NASCAR reiterated its guidelines when asked for clarification.

"For a team to submit a participant to a roster, they must be symptom free for five days and not have been directly exposed to anyone with COVID-19," NASCAR said. "We have made strong recommendations about operations in shops and responsible travel to the event."

Teams are limited to 16 employees per car Sunday and that includes the driver, spotter and owner. More than half the team owners at the Cup Series level are over 65 years old and aren't expected to attend because they are considered at risk for the coronavirus.

Hall of Famer Richard Petty told his son, Kyle, in an NBC Sports interview he will miss a Darlington race for the first time since 1950 when "my dad wouldn't let me off school; school was starting the same day."

Drivers were told to be at the track four hours ahead of the green flag Sunday. They will undergo a health check including a temperature check, but no COVID-19 testing — a decision reached to ensure tests go elsewhere, not to NASCAR. The timing allows a backup driver to make the two-hour trip from the Charlotte area to Darlington if needed.

Once inside, drivers will be isolated in their motorhomes, away from their team, and wait to be called to the cars. Everyone will be required to wear a face mask, crews must maintain social distancing and high-fives, hugs and human contact are barred.

NASCAR has warned of fines as high as \$50,000 for not following the rules at the track, where competitors are subject to random health screenings.

NASCAR has recommended anyone that travels to the track not return to their shop to work and not interact with other groups. It is designed to

help NASCAR track details in the potential case of a positive test.

UFC, which returned last weekend in Florida without spectators, tested every fighter, judge, referee and other employees. One fighter and his two cornermen tested positive.

UFC prior to the fights put all the fighters and employees in one hotel in an attempt to quarantine them, but NASCAR does not have that ability.

Series points leader Kevin Harvick owns a management company that represents UFC fighter Donald Cerrone, who competed in Florida last week. Harvick is comfortable going back to the track, where drivers will be isolated in their cockpits and crews are already clad in firesuits, gloves, helmets and now a required face sock.

"Well, I'm not going to get punched in the face by anybody else or be put in a headlock or be directly in contact with any of my other competitors," Harvick said. "When you look at the guidelines of entry and exit and temperature checks during the week and all the logs and things of where people are and who they have interaction with, I think we have done what we need to do from what fits our sport the best."

NASCAR will use both of Darlington's garages and an infield that will be missing thousands of fans to spread teams out and still create a tight footprint for essential personnel. NASCAR said representatives from IndyCar, the NFL's Carolina Panthers and possibly other teams planned to observe some of the procedures.

NASCAR cannot afford a misstep as it starts up its three series, with 20 races scheduled through June, all in Southern states and all without spectators. The industry is desperate to restart its revenue flow, but does not want to jeopardize the return of other professional leagues.

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United Way of Big Spring and Howard County board members and community volunteers joined together last Saturday to distribute 300 care packages to Big Spring residents.



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat
For two hours a line of cars filled Blankenship Field parking lot and the area around the Big Spring High School. Care packages that were distributed included canned goods, toiletries, and even some extra goodies such as H-E-B gift cards and coupons from local restaurants.



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat
Volunteers worked countless hours loading, hauling and bagging food and items for the care packages over a two week period to ensure that families could receive a helping hand.



Those wanting to order a shirt can do so by calling the United Way office at 267-5201. All funds will go to the relief fund and provide support to agencies and other community outreach efforts.



Courtesy photos
Local businesses help support the Wash Your Hands, Fill Your Trunk Event including: H-E-B, Martinez Welding, Dickies BBQ, Delek, Expedition Royalty, Big Spring Ford, Lone Star Bank and numerous individuals.



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Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Fowler Propp - Fowler

Becky Propp of Burleson, Texas and Tyler Fowler of Fort Worth exchanged wedding vows on May 9, 2020 at The Robert and Beckie Wash Ranch in Big Spring, Texas with Brian Moore – the groom's stepfather – officiated over the service.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Karen Propp from Azle, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Shirley and the late Don Propp of Azel; and Joel and Kathleen Critzer from Plymouth, Minnesota.

The groom is the son of Karen and Brian Moore of Big Spring and Joe and Cindy Fowler of Coahoma. He is the grandson of Billie and the late James Procter and Mona and the late George Moore, all of Big Spring and Eula Bell and the late Ted Fowler of Coahoma.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Bill Propp.

A reception was held at the groom's parents home.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of Azle High School. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Early Child Education from West Texas A&M in 2012 and her Master's degree in Library Science in 2016 from the University of North Texas. She is currently employed by Burleson Public Library as the Youth Services Librarian.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of Coahoma High School. He obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration in 2011 from Angelo State University. He is employed as a Marketing Manager for Baseline Energy Services.

The couple will make their home in Fort Worth. A wedding trip will be planned at a later date.

Reflections:

Children and the Kingdom Secret

Children are found on every continent in every culture. Without them the human race would be doomed to extinction. They fill the air with laughter, like the sound of water gurgling in a happy brook. Their capacity for imagination and happiness is almost boundless.



**Bill
Tinsley**

We are born reflecting the eternal light that enlightens every man. (John 1:9). But, somewhere along the way, the light dims. The carefree joy of childhood is lost.

Too often, and too soon the children will learn the lessons of prejudice and competition. They learn it from watching grown-ups around them. They learn it from pressure to perform in sports, pressures to live up to the expectation of adults who too often measure life by fame, fortune and winning at all costs.

Jesus treasured the innocence of childhood. He

once took a child and stood her in the midst of his grown-up disciples who were arguing among themselves about which one of them was the greatest. Holding the child in his gentle hands, he said to them, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:2).

We all were children once, full of hopes and dreams with boundless imagination. We are prone to lose the magic, exchanging laughter for worry, innocence for anger, expectation for resentment. But somewhere, down deep inside, is the child we once were.

I have known adults living into their eighties whose eyes still twinkle with the joy of a child, whose faces are wrinkled with lines of laughter, who seem to wake up each morning with a child-like excitement for the next day's adventure. We need not surrender to the bitterness of disappointment. The wisdom of experience can serve as seasoning for the joy of childhood.

Regardless of our circumstances; in spite of our difficulties, set-backs and disappointments; Jesus invites us to enter the Kingdom as a little child, to be filled with a faith that expects to be surprised by glory.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His books are available at www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Blessed Loneliness

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10



**Tom
Sloan**

Fueled by my desperation to escape the land of loneliness, I go astray from my Good Shepherd in my tendency to examine my own "good" works in search of my "virtues". There are times when I look for evidence of my own worthiness in my behaviour apart from Christ's all-sufficiency. I search for validation and confirmation of my Christian life in what others think and say about me, giving glory to their opinion and leaning heavily on their verdict of my life.

When I am weighed in this balance, the result is catastrophic because I am always found wanting and come short of the glory of God. I have come to the conclusion that I cannot live my life by what others opine (think) of me because it leaves me hopeless and discouraged.

In all of this, I see loneliness overtaking my soul.

My inability to please God only serves to intensify my loneliness. I feel insignificant in this universe of God's and I ask – what is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou visitest him? And I understand that, in His loving kindness, God visits us with loneliness. This loneliness is one of the greatest expressions of God's love for us because in it, we discover the depth of the riches we have in Christ. In our loneliness, we find that God has not forgotten us. This loneliness causes us to hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. When God afflicts us with loneliness, He also has compassion on us according to the multitude of His mercies.

Instead of trying to drown out the loud noise of loneliness, if we listen and learn to be quiet, we will find that God is real and that He is our refuge and strength. You and God, alone in the loneliness of your soul. You and your sin, alone with God, this is what He is looking for. You and Jesus, alone, in your loneliness...

...can you hear Him say – neither do I condemn thee?

Poetry Corner

If landscapes were lovers,
The Texas coast would be mine.
I'd slip off to meet him,
Leave commitments behind.

Let the sea breeze like fingers
Run through my hair
The surf touch my body
Sweet secrets we'd share.

Take long moonlit walks,
Feel the sand on my feet,
Waves making music
Make the evening complete.

Let saltwater wash
Cares and worries away
Clear my mind and refocus,
Get perspective and pray.

Find beautiful seashells,
And maybe myself
Fresh seafood and sunshine
Are good for your health.

From South Padre Island
To fishing Port A
From the Galveston sea wall
And Matagorda Bay.

If landscapes were lovers
The Texas coast would be mine.
I'd slip off to meet him
Leave commitments behind.

By **CARRIE BRUTON GRIFFITH**
BSH Graduate

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 High School student council for being recognized by the State for their community involvement and contributions.

- Abel Solis for his dedication and service to the Big Spring Fire Department. Congratulations on your retirement.

- Beverly Johnson for her unwavering commitment to making masks for front line workers during this time.

- All nurses and hospital staff that continue to put themselves on the front line of this pandemic.

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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Highlighting Howard Co. Business Local healthcare, local providers healing the community day and night



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This past March, Scenic Mountain Medical Center celebrated 45 years serving Howard County. The local hospital recently joined the Steward Healthcare group in April 2019. This past week was National Nursing Week and National Hospital Week. Staff celebrated with an array of different festivities.

By **CARRIE HARVELL**

Herald Contributing Writer

“Healing is a matter of time, but sometimes it is also a matter of opportunity.” - Hippocrates

Can you imagine life without hospitals? Imagine, a friend or a family member has been involved in an accident and is laying on the ground badly wounded. What do you do? If there wasn't a hospital nearby what do you think the chances of survival would be? Without hospitals the simplest diseases can turn fatal. The basic motto of hospitals is to take care of humanity, this is a great service as it ensures the human race continues.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is dedicated to providing health care and being a center for healing when it comes to a host of diseases, physical and mental conditions. SMMC is a community healthcare facility serving Howard County and surrounding areas. The 146 licensed bed facility is classified as an acute care hospital with a Level IV Trauma Center Emergency Room which operates 24/7. Through the hospital and the clinic (Scenic Mountain Medical Group) an array of services are provided locally including: cardiology, orthopedics, labor and delivery, diagnostic imaging, wound care and women's health and breast care services.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is more than a hospital because of the welcoming, compassionate staff. In April 2019, SMMC became the 37th hospital in the Steward Family of Healthcare facilities nationally and the sixth hospital of the group located in Texas.

Steward Healthcare is the nation's largest private, tax paying physician-led health care network. The group has received

top awards for quality and safety in healthcare. Since SMMC joined the Steward family facility changes have begun, of which the most notable so far is the new signage around the building. When the project is complete there will be all new signage inside and outside the facility. At the Martin Luther King and FM 700 entrances will be LED signs, as well as new signage inside the facility.

As the nation's healthcare facilities have been hit hard with the coronavirus pandemic, rural hospitals are being hit even harder. While some communities have been hit hard with cases, Howard County has not been hit with an influx to this point. With the slow arrival of cases, SMMC has had an opportunity to learn from surrounding areas and build up supplies which has allowed better preparation for when an influx does hit. According to SMMC Marketing Coordinator Daniel Moreno, SMMC is well prepared for any outbreak.

“Even though the front doors have been locked, the ER and clinic remained open with strict precautions. The hospital is slowly moving towards reopening the front,” Moreno said. “We are proud of our staff and all the hard work and effort they have put forth through this.

National Nurses Week was May 6-12 and Hospital Week runs through May 16. As a way to boost morale, celebrations were held with different themes throughout the week. Monday was Superhero Day and staff wore a T-shirt of their favorite hero; Tuesday was Red Dot Day and staff was able to take part in a scavenger hunt; Wednesday was Crazy Sock Day; Thursday was Luau and Friday was an opportunity for staff to enjoy a

cookout.

“The community support has been amazing not just for the events to show our staff how much they are appreciated, but from local organizations, churches, and business. We have had two prayer nights for the hospital where citizens were invited to come sit in their vehicle and listen to singers from local churches. We are planning at least two more. Information about these will be posted on the SMMC Facebook page, website and in local media outlets,” Moreno said.

He continued, “The donations we have received have been awesome. H-E-B sent frozen meals for the night shift nurses to heat up. We have received gloves, masks (some homemade and decorated), face shields, food, gift baskets and medical supplies. The ER has received the largest amount of donation since they are on the front line.”

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SMMC Volunteer Auxiliary has been taking time off in order to keep them healthy and ready for service when the pandemic clears.

“We have missed our volunteers; they have such a positive attitude and were always cheerful and helpful. April Arms – volunteer coordinator – has made a point of checking on them and offering assistance if needed,” he said.

He continued, “Hospitals are a little like the beach, the next wave is always coming. Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be ready when it does.”

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is located at 1601 W. 11th Place. Visit scenicmountainmedical.org or their Facebook page for daily updates and changes.

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Sales Tax Holidays for Water-Efficient and ENERGY STAR® Products Set for May 23-25

AUSTIN — As Texas businesses slowly reopen their doors amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding families and businesses that they can save on the purchase of certain water- and energy-efficient products during the state's Water-Efficient Products and ENERGY STAR® sales tax holidays.

The holidays, created by the Texas Legislature, both take place Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25.

“Inefficient appliances and outdated water systems put a tremendous strain on our power grids and water supplies,” Hegar said.

“Even in these uncertain times, Texans can take advantage of this sales tax holiday to buy more energy-efficient items, support local businesses and save money. You can practice social distancing and other precautionary measures when shopping in person or shop online. Qualifying products are tax free.”

This is the fifth year for the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday. Products displaying a WaterSense® label or logo can be purchased tax free for personal or business use.

These include showerheads, bathroom sink faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation controls.

The sales tax holiday also applies to lawn and garden products that help conserve water outdoors. Items qualifying for the exemption include soaker or drip-irrigation hoses; moisture controls for sprinkler or irrigation systems; mulch; and plants, trees and grasses.

These items can be purchased tax free for residential use only.

There's no limit to the number of water-efficient or water-conserving products you can purchase tax free. For more information on the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday, visit the Comptroller's website.

During the ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday, certain energy-efficient products displaying the ENERGY STAR logo can be purchased tax free, including air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less, refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less, ceiling fans, fluorescent light bulbs, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and clothes washing machines.

Visit the Comptroller's website for more ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday details.

Alternative crop acreage up, market conditions are a mixed bag

Special to the Herald

Texas A&M AgriLife

Alternative crop acres are expected to be up amid mixed market conditions, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock, said COVID-19 has not affected the market for alternative crops like sunflowers, sesame and guar. These crops are typically grown on rotation schedules for fields where cotton, or row crops like corn and sorghum are grown.

But contract growers with buyers lined up have made alternative crops a way to add value to a farming practice meant to improve soils for their more traditional row or "money" crops, Trostle said.

"Overall, there have been some opportunities for growers looking to diversify cropping and their crop rotations," he said.

Sunflowers

Trostle expects around 60,000 acres of sunflowers to be planted this season, up from 40,000 acres last year. He expects an additional 7,000 acres of sunflowers to be planted in the Rio Grande Valley to meet contract demand for confectionary seeds, those purchased to consume as a snack.

Two feet of snow at the wrong time set the 2019 North Dakota crop, which is second in U.S. sunflower production to South Dakota, back, he said.

Quality was poor so North Dakota-based companies are contract-growing those additional acres in the Rio Grande Valley to make up for a bad harvest. "A lot of confectionary acres are back," he said. "Those acres will help relieve the shortage of quality confectionary sunflower seeds."

Sunflowers are also processed as birdseed or mixed with various millet and sorghum varieties to create a colorful blend that consumers and birds find appealing, Trostle said.

Sunflowers can be planted later than other traditional crops in the Texas High Plains with harvest usually in October and November because they are cold hardy. Trostle said sunflowers can tolerate temperatures as low as 28 degrees for a few hours.

Guar

Guar experienced a tough 2019 and acreage should be similar in 2020, Trostle said. Prices have remained low since they ballooned in 2012.

Trostle expects between 15,000-20,000 acres to be planted. About 20,000 acres were planted last season.

Guar seeds produce a polymer gum used in oil fields, cosmetics and some foods, Trostle said. It experienced a bump in demand as fracking emerged as a cost-effective way to regenerate abandoned oil wells.

But the U.S. market has been depressed due to low-priced imports. Annual guar imports valued at \$1 billion in 2011 are now valued at \$300 million-\$400 million.

AgriLife Extension has been working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop a crop insurance program for guar growers that could make the crop a better alternative rotation crop.

"The Southern Plains have the processing capacity for 60,000-70,000 acres, but prices

need to rise before that happens," Trostle said. "Being able to insure the crop would also add an incentive that would make guar an option for a lot of growers."



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Association of Mature American Citizens- Social Security Column Ask Rusty – Social Security for Children and Younger Wife

Dear Rusty: I am 59. My wife is 48 and has been a stay at home mom for 15 years. We have children aged 13, 10, and 5. I know it makes sense to delay the start of benefits, but I understand that it's more complicated when small children are involved. Does it make sense for me to begin receiving benefits at 62 so I can also collect more for the children? Signed: Older Father

Dear Older Father: Yes, the issue is more complicated when children are involved. Here's why: If you claim your own Social Security (SS) at age 62, your minor children would be able to receive child benefits, and your wife would also be able to receive "child-in-care" benefits, even though she is not yet age-eligible for regular spouse benefits. Usually, a minor child is entitled to 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) SS amount, and a younger care-giving wife is entitled to the same. But when there are multiple dependents collecting on the same worker's record the Family Maximum applies.

The Family Maximum limits the amount of total benefits which can be received by the family to 150% to 188% of the worker's FRA benefit amount. Social Security determines the Family Maximum for each individual case with a complex formula that uses your "primary insurance amount" (or "PIA," the amount you get at your FRA). Your PIA is broken into 4 parts and a different percentage of each part is taken and summed up to arrive at your Family Maximum. Then your PIA is subtracted from the Family Maximum amount and the remainder is equally divided among your minor children and wife. Once a minor child turns 18 (or 19 if still in high school) that child no longer receives benefits and the Family Maximum is recomputed, with the new amount equally divided among the remaining dependents. When your youngest child turns 16, your wife will no longer be eligible for child-in-care benefits. But there's more to consider.

By taking your benefit at age 62, it will be cut by 30% from what it would be if you waited until your full retirement age to claim, and that reduction is

permanent. Plus that reduced benefit will mean your wife's benefit as your widow, should you pre-decease her, would be less than it might otherwise be if you waited until later to claim.

Until you reach your full retirement age, you will also be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits the amount of money you can earn before Social Security takes back some of your benefits. The limit for 2020 is \$18,240 and if you exceed that amount, SS will take back benefits equal to half of the excess over the limit. They take back those benefits by withholding your SS until they recover what you owe because you exceeded the limit. And, if your benefits are withheld because you exceed the earnings limit, your children and wife will not get their benefits for any month(s) that your benefits are withheld. FYI, the earnings limit increases by about 2.6 times in the year you reach your FRA and no longer applies once you reach your FRA, but any dependent benefits not paid because you exceeded the earnings limit are lost and cannot be recovered.

So, as you can see, there are many things you should consider. If you will be retired from working at age 62 and don't need to worry about the earnings limit, then claiming then, along with the dependent benefits, could be a prudent choice. But if you will continue to work and earn a significant salary, you might very well find that the benefits you and your dependents lose due to the earnings limit will overshadow any advantage you might gain by filing at that time. And, you might also find that the permanent cut in your own benefit because you claimed early, along with the reduction to your wife's future survivor benefit amount, will make claiming at age 62 less attractive.

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Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Tina Anderson and Jonathan Tindol
Grantee: Guadalupe Olivas
Property: Lot 11, block 7, Monticello Addition
Date: April 30, 2020

Grantor: Ronnie Chad McCaslin
Grantee: M5 Royalty, LLC
Property: Lots Nos. 3,4,5, 16, 17, block 3 in Sherrod Heights Subdivision in Section 27, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
Date: May 4, 2020

Grantor: Burr Lea Settles, Jr. and Sharon Settles
Grantee: Merejildo B. Rodriguez
Property: Being .106 acres, souther portion of Lot 9, block 35, College Heights Addition
Date: April 29, 2020

Grantor: Rolland Rose, Jr.
Grantee: Travis Lynn Rose
Property: Being 2.64 acres out of NE/4 of Section 41, block 32
Date: May 5, 2020

Grantor: Jimmie Long
Grantee: Joe Luera
Property: Lot 4, block 11, Jones Valley Addition
Date: May 7, 2020

Grantor: Aldolfo Herrera Sustaita
Grantee: Edgar Alejandro Gonzalez-Chavez
Property: Lot 8, 9 and 11, block 1, Earles Addition

Date: May 6, 2020

Grantor: Paul B. Kinsey and Brandy M. Kinsey
Grantee: Ricky Grimsley and Angela Grimsley
Property: A 19.02 acre tract out of the SW/4 of Sec. 44, block 32, T-1-S, T&P R. Co Survey
Date: May 8, 2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: HJS Entertainment, LLC
Grantee: Daisi Salazar
Property: Lot 7, block 5, replat of lots 2 to 9 inclusive, block 4 and replat of all of block 5 of the amended plat of Muir Heights Addition
Date: May 1, 2020

Grantor: Vernon Lowery
Grantee: Jonathan Adams
Property: Being 15.09 acre tract out of SE/4 of Section 41, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Ry Survey
Date: April 30, 2020

Grantor: Pinney Property Holdings, LLC
Grantee: Dariuas Alexander Leos

Property: Lot 11, block 13, North Parkhill Addition
Date: May 1, 2020

Grantor: Donnie R. Baker and Linda Baker
Grantee: Flora C. Cibrian
Property: Lot 14, block 22, Monticello Addition
Date: May 5, 2020

Grantor: Debra L. Lusk and Eric Lusk and Sonia Lusk
Grantee: Kenneth Z. Saenz
Property: Being the South one half of Lot 8, block 2, Wright's 2nd Addition and North one half of Lot 8, block 2, Wright's 2nd Addition
Date: May 5, 2020

Grantor: Kevin Jay Freeman and Karen Freeman
Grantee: Robert Forno
Property: Lot 18, block 8, Kentwood Addition (unit No 1)
Date: May 8, 2020

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Grantee: Eric Rangel and Tammy Rangel
Property: Lot 4, block 5, Indianola Addition
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Public Notice

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Theresa Joan Lindsey, Deceased, were issued on May 12, 2020, in Cause No. P-14968, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Cynthia Sloan

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the

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time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Robert D. Miller**
Attorney at Law
608 Scurry
Big Spring, TX 79720

DATED the 14th day of May, 2020.

/s/ Robert D. Miller
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 12th day of May, 2020.

/s/ L. Shane Stokes
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0326545
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 5, 2020 Status/Permit No. 863490
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 26, 2020
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 35 T1N, T&P RR CO/POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SP-RABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13 miles NW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within

Legals

the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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Lease/Unit Acres : 723.87
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 895.0
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Survey Lines : 416.0 F S L, 694.0 F E L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
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Lease Lines: 50.0 F N L
950.0 F E L
Terminus Location
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Section: 37 Block: 35 T1N
Abstract: 519
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 117.0 F S L
212.0 F W L
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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lisa Hunt, at (432)8484833.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0326547
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 5, 2020 Status/Permit No. 863492
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By Steve Becker

The bidding tells the tale

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 7 5 4
♥ J 9 8
♦ A 6 5
♣ 8 4 3

WEST
♠ K Q 8
♥ K Q 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ Q 9 7 6

EAST
♠ 9 6 3 2
♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ K 4 3
♣ 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 10
♥ A 5 2
♦ Q J 7 2
♣ A K J 10

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♣ Pass Pass Dble
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

As the play progresses, declarer's picture of how the unseen cards are distributed steadily becomes clearer. Sometimes he gains all the information he needs almost immediately, and sometimes he must wait until later in the play.

Take this deal where declarer, at trick one, learns essentially all he needs to know about West's hand. Let's say that after declarer plays low on the opening diamond lead, East wins with the king and returns a diamond to dummy's ace.

It isn't difficult for declarer to

conclude that West must have the K-Q of spades, K-Q of hearts and queen of clubs for his opening bid. Only 12 high-card points are missing at this point, and West must have them all.

Accordingly, declarer leads a club from dummy at trick three and finesses the jack, knowing it will lose. West wins and returns a diamond to the jack, whereupon South cashes the A-K-10 of clubs and queen of diamonds.

On the fourth diamond, West — now down to six cards — must discard a spade or a heart. Let's say he discards a spade, in which case dummy discards a spade. South then plays the ace and another spade. West wins and is forced to lead a heart from the K-Q-4.

If he leads the king, South has an easy time making a second heart trick, so let's say he returns the four instead. Ordinarily, declarer would play the eight from dummy in the hope that West had the K-10-4 or Q-10-4, but here, with the knowledge accumulated earlier, South goes up with the jack to score his ninth trick.

Sadly, many experienced declarers would fail to draw the obvious inference at trick one about the nature of West's hand. East's king-of-diamonds play clearly marks West with the five other missing honor cards, and South should shape all his subsequent plays to fit that assumption.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Legals
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 35 T1N, T&P RR CO/POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13 miles NW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

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

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FIELD: SPRABERRY

Legals
(TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : LUMBERGH D
Lease/Unit Well No. : 2530LS
Lease/Unit Acres : 723.87
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 328.0
Lease Lines : 415.0 F S L, 634.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 415.0 F S L, 634.0 F E L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 50.0 F N L 330.0 F E L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 37 Block: 35 T1N
Abstract: 519
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 116.0 F S L 330.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 2520.0 F N L 330.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Lisa Hunt, at (432)8484833.

#10532
RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37
Case No. 0326546
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
May 5, 2020 Status/Permit No. 863491
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 26, 2020
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email:
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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Lease/Unit Acres : 723.87
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 280.0
Lease Lines : 415.0 F S L, 664.0 F E L
Survey Lines : 415.0 F S L, 664.0 F E L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 50.0 F N L 660.0 F E L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
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#10533
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR DALLAS COUNTY

IN THE INTEREST OF: Antonio Cota Cruz

Minor Child.

JUVENILE NO. _____

UPON THE PETITION OF: Veronica Cruz Balm, Petitioner.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO: ANTONIO COTA GUERRERO

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the respondent in this action. A copy of the petition (and any documents filed with it) is attached to this notice. The attorney for the Petitioner is Karen A. Taylor, Taylor Law Offices, P.C. whose address is 3101 Ingersoll Ave., Ste. 202, Des Moines, Iowa 50312. That attorney's telephone number is (515) 953-0226, and her fax number is (515) 953-0228.

You must serve a motion or answer within twenty days after service of this original notice upon you and, within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court located at the Dallas Courthouse, Adel, IA. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. General rules and information on electronic filing are contained in Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16. Information regarding requirements related to the protection of personal information in court filings is contained in Iowa court Rules Chapter 16, division VI.

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CLERK OF COURT

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ANSWER:



Tomorrow's Horoscope

Fortune Shines Solar Aspect to Jupiter

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A walk can be a creative and mystical experience. You'll see sights that affirm your physical course along the way and your general trajectory on the path of life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll love the way people light up around you. This is happening by design. It's your mission to join in the brightness, give and receive warmth and make smiling a priority.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is said that true love sees with the heart, not the eyes. Maybe so, though the eyes will certainly do their share today. Make sure to test them against input from other senses.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll manage relationships in the practical way you might manage other business, stating the results you want and then outlining the critical steps necessary for their achievement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe each individual is responsible for his or her own fun, but you make it your role to provide levity and goodwill to those around you. Laughter is a massage for the insides.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Beware of quick fixes, as today they are likely to fall down in both quickness and fixing. Small changes made consistently over a long period of time will give you the best results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is success in your current course of action, although you will need to remind yourself of this and also incentivize and motivate yourself to continue in kind. Consistency motivates success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No matter how high you rise in position, you retain the no-nonsense outlook you started with. You are skeptical of values based on anything other than human worth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll solve problems

all day long -- problems of different scope and complexity, some easy, others expensive, some that seem pervasive, others you feel privileged to have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your mood will reflect the quality of your relationships. Know that relationships are in a state of flux, constantly adapting to new circumstances and influences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You wonder what keeps you sailing on even when you've already seen and/or passed the destination. It is your belief that things can always get better. Hope floats.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will stick to your values even when you don't

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS want to, it's hard



FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Last week, it was Mercury dancing into Gemini. Now, the sun and moon join that conga line. People are communicating, sharing, selling and influencing one another. To whom should we listen? This is an excellent time to remind ourselves of a certain universal truth.

There is no magic key to the universe. There is no phantasmagoric nugget of knowledge waiting on the top of the mountain or hidden in the center of the forest. There is no answer "out there" to be discovered or obtained because the only answer that will work is "in here." The reason it is "in here" is because you are the one inventing the answer. You are the one who says what it means. And this definition of meaning for your life can only be invented by you.

What things mean to you is the motivating force that drives the action. It is possible to assign meaning to things without even realizing you're doing it or knowing where the associations are coming from or why

you're making them. This is what the human mind does. To go the extra mile toward understanding oneself requires an analysis of our assigned meanings. Sure, what you're dealing with may be a series of random constructs, but they are (SET ITAL)your(END ITAL) random constructs, certainly worthy of your curious attention.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From "Full House" to "Fuller House" and all the funny home videos in between, comedian Bob Saget is prime example of the down-to-earth Taurus comedian. The zodiac's first earth is connected to nature's rhythms and has what all comedians need -- timing. Taurus Comedian Club includes: Jerry Seinfeld, Tina Fey, Jay Leno, George Lopez, John Oliver, Aidy Bryant and late-greats John Rickles and George Carlin.

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
 1 Certain CIA missions
 9 Popular Japanese imports
 15 Worth hearing again
 16 Common typeface in upscale magazines
 17 Expense less than estimated
 18 Generic competitor
 19 Devastated
 20 Two-legged pigeons
 22 Going-to-extremes conclusion
 23 Bet (on)
 25 Opposite of "up"
 26 Whaler who became a retailer (1850)
 27 ___ and Eleanor Ford House (Michigan landmark)
 29 Free File program offerer
 30 Oil drilling samples
 31 Kept poorly
 33 NFL retirees
 34 British *Vogue* guest editor (2019)
 38 Not characteristic of
 39 Homes for one's best buds
 40 Europe's largest ethno-linguistic group
 41 What can be bought by the dozen for about a dime
 42 Gramps on *The Goldbergs*
 46 Christie alternative
 47 Workstation "spaghetti"
 49 Something to do by yourself

- 50 Former NYC WNBA venue
 51 Lament loudly
 53 State admitted after W. Va.
 54 Confirmation of a fact
 56 Last resort
 58 How some weddings take place
 59 When Tom Cruise started working
 60 Sue Grafton Awards, e.g.
 61 Place for a screwed-in hinge
- DOWN**
 1 Pay off
 2 Chose not to do something
 3 Quick changes of pitches
 4 Rental with many rms.
 5 Problem in lumbering
 6 First name of the first patriarch
 7 Trans-Neptunian dwarf planets
 8 Risk of too much information
 9 Convent complex
 10 Name on \$200 tote bags
 11 State admitted after Wash.
 12 Holders of pointy diamonds
 13 "I'm done acting now"
 14 Books in the King James Version
 21 See 51 Down
 24 Type of parochial school
 26 French word for "foams"
 28 Potato soup staples
 30 Christie concoctions
 32 What might be on the tip of the tongue?
 33 Biblical talking beast
 34 Household allergen
 35 Off the charts?
 36 Attention-getting rings
 37 Dance with castanets
 41 ___: *The Owner's Manual* (Dr. Oz book)
 43 NASA status-check choices
 44 24 Down opener
 45 Bonham Carter, in *Sweeney Todd*
 47 They're awkward
 48 Designation of five popes
 51 With 21 Down, entrance requirements
 52 Observant one
 55 ... LBJ, HHH, ___ GRF, NAR, ...
 57 Informed about the latest

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Annie's Mailbox

Nurses Offer a Hand to Hold

Dear Annie: We hear so many accounts of sick relatives dying alone in the hospital and family members feeling helpless and guilty because they can't be by their side, even though it's not their fault. I'm a retired nurse, and I hope I can let these families know that their mom or dad, spouse or loved one is not dying alone if their nurses can help it.

Taking care of these critically ill patients, it's easy to become attached to them, and most nurses are trying to take care of them, treating them as if they were their own parent or loved one. They aren't just giving their patients the best medical care they can possibly give; they try to give as much compassion as possible.

Every nurse I know, or have ever known, seems to have that extra spark that pushes them to take those extra steps to make sure the patient is as comfortable as possible and then some. You see, being a nurse is our chosen profession, but being a nurse isn't just what I do for a living; it is who I am! I have written a poem that I hope makes some family feel a little less helpless.

"A Hand to Hold" By Patty Palmer

"Lying in a hospital bed there in the ICU

"She tries to calm her fears not knowing what to do.

"The nurse tells her that she's been ill for quite a while.

"She holds her hand while she explains with a kindly smile.

"Wondering where her family is since they aren't there with her

"She calls out but the tube in her throat allows her not a word.

"The kindly nurse explains to her that visitors are not allowed.

"The virus spreading rapidly prevents any size of crowd.

"Feeling so alone as a tear falls down her feverish cheek.

"She's never been this sick before and feeling very weak.

"The nurse takes a warm cloth and gently washes her face

"Don't worry, I'm here with you and I'm not going anywhere."

"A soothing bath the nurse gives to her, helps her to relax.

"Keeping up a light banter as she finishes up her tasks.

"Her heart is growing weaker and her color isn't good

"But the nurse goes on acting as normal as she could.

"She brushes her patient's hair and forms it in a braid

"She knows this lady is dying and asks the Lord, let her not be

afraid

"As this ailing patient's life is heading toward the end

"She holds her hand and sings to her, not as a nurse but as a friend.

"The machines show her vital signs are heading for a drop

"And her new friend stays with her until they entirely stop.

"This nurse has done all she could to make the end less cold.

"No patient should have to die alone without a hand to hold.

"She quietly leaves the room with a tear in her eye.

"Nurses are strong but sometimes they still do cry.

"She dries her eyes and blows her nose shaking off her heart.

"Heading toward the next room where again she'll do her part.

"I hope this poem makes some family feel a little less helpless.

"I'm not just a nurse, it's who I am!"

Dear Patty: I am reading this with a tear in my eye. Thank you for sharing your beautiful, compassionate poem, and thank you to all nurses, with their kind smiles, full hearts and strong hands.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Answer to previous puzzle

ASSAD	SLIM	COZY
VOILA	NINO	AVER
OASIS	OAHU	FEDS
WRIGHT	BROTHERS	
NEO	CHIT	
ACE	SPORK	DELVE
NONE	EPA	SERIES
THE	MONTGOLFIER	
EAR	BUD	EKE
SNOUT	ISSUE	SEX
LEGS	TDS	
GODDARD	WHITTLE	
WIPE	FAVA	CORED
OVEN	FERN	TROVE
KEDS	ELSE	SET/IN

Practice Healthy Habits

Blessed with Sunshine

By Judy Tereletsky

District Clerk

With the first week of May seeing 100 degree plus days of heat, it reminded me of how blessed we are to have sunshine. The sun is essential to crop production and the continuation of life on our planet. West Texans have grown use to seeing wind turbines circling the horizon, but agriculture also uses solar power.

The main use of electricity is for irrigation and in operations of livestock and dairy facilities. Lighting, ventilation, refrigeration, water/space heating, pumping water and fanning for aeration and crop drying are common electric uses. Solar energy can substitute for the more traditional energy sources such as gasoline, diesel and natural gas.

Two types of solar systems are solar electric converting solar energy to electric power and solar thermal using solar energy to heat water and air. Both convert sunlight into usable energy, and both have many applications in agricultural settings to aid farmers and ranchers in their daily operations. Solar electric called photovoltaic or PV Systems generate electricity directly from sunlight and can be used to power anything from small electronics like calculators and road signs to homes and large commercial buildings. The primary agricultural applications for solar PV electricity have been for charging batteries for fence chargers, gate openers, building lighting and water pumping from remote wells, streams or lakes to provide water for

livestock and small-scale irrigation. The introduction of solar PV came in the 1950's through space applications and gained recognition in the 1970's as a source of non-space applications in the energy crisis. For agriculture the sales and usage of stand-alone systems began in the 1980's. It is becoming more common to see solar panels on roofs in Howard county. These panels are what most people envision when one mentions solar power. Many think of the large solar farms in our nation's western states when they hear of solar power. These farms have produced renewable energy for many decades, but they also came with a negative effect. They took up a vast amount of land that was sacrificed for other uses. That is until a process called agrivoltaics was established.

Agrivoltaics is farming crops under solar panels. It can boost food production, save water and even improve the efficiency of electric production. The first agrivoltaics research site was at Biosphere 2 in Arizona. The study focused on chiltepin and jalapeno peppers and cherry tomatoes positioned under the PV array of panels. They found that the agrivoltaics system affected three factors in the plant growth and reproduction-air temperature, direct sunlight and atmospheric demand for water. The shade the panels provided resulted in cooler daytime temperatures and warmer nighttime temperatures compared to tradition open-sky planting. There was also lower vapor pressure or more moisture in the air and less transpiration water loss in the plants. Basically, the plant crops did better in

the shade of the solar panels because they were spared from the direct sun.

It turned out that the plants grown under the panels also benefitted the solar panels. Solar panels are inherently sensitive to temperature so that as they warm their efficiency drops. Cultivating crops underneath the PV panels allowed researchers to reduce the temperature of the panels. Areas under the panels can even be reseeded to provide habitat and forage for pollinators, birds and other small species. Sheep are commonly used for grazing for vegetation control at solar facilities.

Solar thermal electric energy concentrates the light from the sun to create heat, and that heat is used to run a heat engine which turns a generator to make electricity. In agriculture, livestock, food processing, dairy operations require substantial amounts of heated water for sterilization, production and environmental control. Solar air heating is used to heat spaces in barns and for crop drying such as grain and peanuts. Heating water and cooling milk can account for up to 40% of energy used on a dairy farm. Aquaculture and breweries are two other industries that can use solar energy for hot water needs.

Whether local agriculture is using solar PV or solar thermal equipment, solar energy is another renewable energy resource to aid our farmers and ranchers. So next time you step out into our West Texas sunshine feel blessed for all the sun does for our benefit.

CROP

Continued from 4B

Sesame

Sesame acres may increase over the 50,000 acres planted last year, Trostle said. The crop is the No. 4 oilseed worldwide, but traditional varieties, which shatter their seed, are difficult to harvest mechanically and are hand-harvested in most areas still.

Texas producers have a technological advantage over producers around the globe via improved non-shattering plant varieties and mechanical harvesting equipment that separate seeds from the pod with little yield loss.

Sesame is primarily utilized for confectionary purposes like hamburger buns and salad bars. But Trostle said markets are beginning to see more demand for sesame oil.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL

The weather was windy with spotty showers. Some areas received 1 inch of rain while most parts of the district received none. Grazing pastures were being fertilized and sprayed for weeds. Hay, mostly cool-season grasses, was being cut. Corn was fertilized, and aflatoxin protection was being applied. Most corn fields were in good to excellent condition. Some corn and sorghum fields showed drought stress.

A few corn fields were irrigated, and many more were being prepared for irrigation. Wheat was about two weeks from harvest. Weed control measures helped, but some insect pests were developing. Livestock were in good condition with plenty of grazing. Sorghum and cotton plantings appeared lower than expected, and there were reports of more late-planted corn emerging. Cotton was emerging despite widespread soil crusting conditions. Cotton was mostly at first leaf stage. Soil moisture levels were adequate in more than 80% of the reporting area. Overall crop conditions were fair to good.

ROLLING PLAINS

Areas of the district received a light rain and hail. Winter wheat harvest was ready to start as fields continued to mature. Cotton producers will begin planting soon. Ranchers continued moving cattle off wheat pastures.

SOUTH PLAINS

Dry conditions continued across the district. Warm temperatures and strong winds continued to dry topsoil. Rain was in the forecast. Farmers pre-irrigated for cotton planting.

Producers were waiting for soil temperatures to warm before planting cotton. Corn was still being planted and continued to emerge across the district. Some winter wheat was harvested for forage. Rangeland and winter wheat were in fair condition. Cattle were in good condition.

FAR WEST

High temperatures averaged in the low 100s with lows in the upper 40s. No precipitation was reported. Winds averaged 30 mph with gusts up to 50 mph. Soil moisture was being depleted due to temperatures and high winds. Several small grass fires caused by lightning were contained. Winter wheat and oats were grazed out. Some cotton was planted. Corn and sorghum were holding on, but fields were wind burned.

Watermelons were starting to grow. Alfalfa looked very good, even though some producers lost a first cutting to alfalfa weevils. Pastures were very dry. Producers were monitoring for pecan nut case-bearers and prepared to spray. Spring calf round-ups continued, and producers were selling some of their calf crop, but most were holding on for better prices. Rangeland grazing was limited, but still enough to support livestock.

WEST CENTRAL
Conditions were dry and windy with no rain. Soils were begin-

ning to dry out. Weeds were requiring management to get warm-season forages off to a good start.

Livestock were in good condition with very little supplemental feeding.

The calf market was a little better, \$3-\$5 higher per hundredweight, at the sale barn. Prices for slaughter bulls and cows were steady.

SOUTH

Weather was mild to warm with short to very short soil moisture levels.

Most areas reported very short soil moisture levels. Cool temperatures were reported in Atascosa County. La Salle County reported 100-plus-degree days. Parts of Maverick County reported less than 1 inch of rain. Crops were progressing well. Strawberries were in the final stretch of their growing season, and fruit and vegetables were producing. Potato harvest continued. Irrigated wheat fields were beginning to mature. Some wheat and oat harvests were underway.

Cotton planting continued, and the corn crop was in the silking stage. Pasture and rangeland conditions were fair to good, but some pastures were turning brown due to lack of moisture. Crops and Bermuda grass fields were under irrigation. Irrigated Coastal Bermuda grass fields were producing good hay bales. Sunflower fields planted as cover crops or for wildlife were growing well. Onion harvest was expected to begin soon.

Prickly pears were in good condition, and some ranchers were burning them to allow livestock to eat them. Ranchers were culling their cattle herds before the hot summer months. Stock tanks continued to deplete. Round bales were selling for \$75-\$90 per bale. Cattle prices remained low.

The Texas Animal Health Commission found cattle fever ticks in some areas of Jim Wells County.



Ronna Osborn Robbins, a Big Spring native, recently earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Texas at Austin. The degree was conferred following her dissertation defense on April 30, where she was also awarded a Doctoral Portfolio in Health and Aging.

Dr. Robbins's research interests include investigating nutritional factors that determine the presence or absence of diseases and health-related outcomes, prevention of chronic diseases through mitigation of lifestyle, and applied health service research. Her dissertation examined health implications related to 25-hydroxyvitamin D deficiencies in older adults and successfully developed a clinical screening tool that predicts vitamin D deficiency without the need for blood draws.

Robbins, an honors student, earned several academic recognitions and appointments during her studies. She was appointed as a national student executive committee member to the Healthy Aging Dietetic Practice Group of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, as a graduate research assistant to UT's Texas Aging and Longevity Center, and served as a preceptor and mentor in the university's Department of Nutritional Sciences and Dietetic Program. She also had several academic and professional works published as a lead- or co-author and is an active professional speaker and guest lecturer as a nutrition and dietetic expert.

Robbins is the daughter of Glenna and the late Ron Osborn of Big Spring. Her father was a UT- Austin engineering graduate and taught her early to "bleed burnt-orange". Other family members celebrating her graduation include her brother Dusty Osborn and daughter Paisley; brother Cody Osborn, wife Taylor and son Jake; and sister Renea Osborn English, husband Charles, son Dylan and daughter Charlie.

She is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School, where she was a cheerleader and swim team member. Dr. Robbins, graduated from UT Austin in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Sciences and Registered Dietitian certification. She has worked as Registered Dietitian in the nutrition and dietetics field since 2002. She served as PRN- Field Consulting Dietitian for Nutritious Lifestyle Services of Orlando, Fla.; as Food and Beverage Director, Senior Dietitian/Clinical Manager, and Catering Operational Manager for Westminster Manor in Austin; and as Consultant Dietitian for Neumann and Associates.

Dr. Robbins lives in Austin with husband Brian Robbins, Vice President of Dallas-based Buckner Retirement Services.

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The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: Where People & Pets Connect

Love is in the Air: Baby Season

By **MELANIE GAMBRELL**
Pet Care Specialist

By now, you have noticed all of the baby animals, baby puppies/kittens, birds, opossums, baby bunnies, raccoons, baby deer and maybe you have even noticed all the baby prairie dogs out at the airport. Yes, it is baby season and already I have gotten calls about what to do with the orphaned young.

Now, if you are talking about young domestic babies I would suggest looking for their mommies if you have found a litter around your property. More times than not, the mom has been spooked either by you or by another animal and has gone off to wait for it to quiet down again. If you have other dogs/cats in your household, please put them up and this will allow the stray to come get her babies. I have been reading in an area where dogs have been killing cats and kittens and that is another story altogether. It breaks my heart to hear of someone's pet being mauled and killed by someone else's pet. There is no excuse for that. We must remember, we need to hold the owners responsible for what their pets do, the animals, and in this case dogs are doing what some dogs will do, especially when not trained. Keeping your garage doors open just enough for the cat to get to her kittens is a great way of keeping them safe. As a pet owner, you need to always be watching out and keeping them safe from predators that would do them harm.

Sadly if you know that the mother cat is not coming back, then it is time to step in and do what you can. Finding another nursing mother cat, that will accept another's kittens would be a win-win scenario. Usually, those are far and few between, but it does happen so put the word out that you are looking. Contacting your local shelter or Facebook is a great way of putting the word out that you need a nursing mother or a foster parent. If you are not able to find another nursing cat/dog, then it is up to you to start the bottle feeding of these tiny babies. First, be sure that you are not feeding cow's milk from your fridge. You can get puppy and kitten formula from your local vet, where I would start, and if they are not available then Tractor Supply or Wal-Mart carries some. You can also purchase baby bottles at any of these places and I would grab two or three just so you will have them handy.

Keeping these babies temperatures regulated is a vital part of keeping them alive. Newborn kittens and puppies are from 95-99 degrees and as they get older between two-three weeks, their temperatures will go up to around 97-100 degrees. At four weeks, puppies and kittens should have temperatures of 99-101 degrees. Remember to check periodically with a rectal thermometer to make sure you are keeping their body temperatures up. I caution about using a heating pad for these babies. You can burn them with too hot of settings because they are not made for animals. I recommend using an old-time douche bag, the red one as a hot water bottle. Keep it hot by wrapping a heavy towel around the hot water bottle as not to burn the babies. I have microwaves discs made for pets that I use for my wildlife. Microwave it, then place the fleece covering over it and it lasts for several hours. I also keep available pet heating pads for baby wildlife and those are made specifically for animals. If you do not have any of these items, using a rubber glove, which I am sure everyone has several of, will work. Fill the glove up with warm water, again wrap a towel around it and that will keep the babies warm.

Once you have gotten their body temperatures where they should be, then you can start with the bottle feeding. Remember not to use cow's milk from your refrigerator because that will only complicate things and cause diarrhea. If feeding a kitten, use kitten formula and when feeding a puppy, use puppy formula. On the containers, it will give you a guideline and feeding schedule for the approximate age of pet you have.

Now that you have successfully fed your orphaned baby, it is time to help them eliminate their bowels and urine. I will do this prior to feeding my wildlife babies and then right after, I will feed them. This is why, if you have a mother available, it is best to let them do the job of feeding and raising their young. They do it much better than we do. I use a warm cotton ball when available, or a warm wash cloth, and I make circular motions to stimulate them to go to the bathroom. This is a must and many people forget this very important step in raising orphaned animals.

Keeping your new babies isolated and quiet, away from young children and other household pets will add to your success of raising them. Using a plastic swimming pool as a whelping box or a plastic dog crate will allow for easy clean-up as these babies grow and develop. Remember to watch the type of bedding you are using because you do not want them to get hung in any loose strings or caught in holes and strangle themselves.

Now, if you have found any wildlife, it is time to call in the professionals. A wildlife rehabilitation specialist like myself or contact the local game

warden. Contacting a wildlife rehabilitation specialist or game warden before picking up any wildlife is strongly recommended. In most cases, unless you see an adult dead, these babies may be learning to fly or bedded down while their mother eats. Picking up these animals is not necessary. Holding, keeping and possessing wildlife in most counties is illegal and in some cases, jail time can occur.

Wildlife are called wild for a reason. These animals carry diseases such as rabies and several different types of parasites that can be harmful to humans. These are not pets and many times when people try to make them into pets, it does not fair well for the animal. Sure, they are cute as babies, but what animal is not? As these wild animals grow up, so does the wild in them. As they mature, they can become aggressive and out of control and then what do you do? For those that have been there, done that, and then



wildlife rehabber, we take certain precautions in handling wild animals so that they can be introduced back into their natural habitat, giving them a better chance at life.

Remember, keep Texas wildlife wild! Go to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, they oversee and protect our state's wildlife and habitats. tpwd.texas.gov or contact your local law enforcement non-emergency number, leave your name, number and reason for the call and a rehabilitation specialist or game warden will contact you back.

Please Don't Litter, Spay & Neuter



Courtesy photos

New wildlife will start appear as Spring begins to close and Summer draws near. Ensuring proper handling, care of these new babies will ensure they are able to return to their regular habitat

turned these animals back into the wild, they have sent them to their death. They have imprinted on humans, do not know how to hunt and find food and now are left out on their own. What happens now, they are looking for a human to feed them and they will travel up to find food and the person they come up to now thinks they have a rabid animal. This happens too many times when the animal is not sick or even showing any signs of being sick. It is just hungry and all it has known is that a human feeds them, it comes up daytime or night and it loses its life because someone wanted to keep it as a pet.

Please do not attempt to bottle feed young wildlife. Many different types of wildlife take a special formula and feeding something that is not made for that species can do more harm than good. Again, contact your local wildlife rehabilitation specialist or Texas game warden and let us determine what the next step should be. Look for a mammal rehabilitation specialist or a bird rehabilitation specialist in your area. As a trained

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