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June 13

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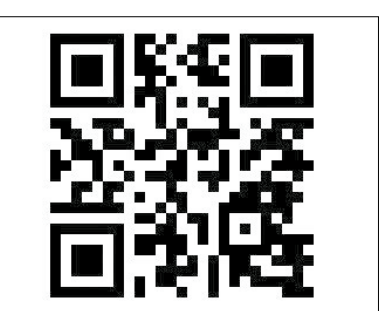
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Confirmed: 8  
Tests performed: 962  
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## Big Spring Rodeo, Pops in the Park announce cancellations for 2020

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

The Pops in the Park Committee announced, through a press release on Thursday afternoon, the 2020 Pops in the Park celebration has been officially cancelled.

A few weeks ago, an announcement was made that the fireworks display would continue without the Big Spring Symphony playing and would be taking place at an alternate location. However, with numerous concerns still looming and the uncertainty still surrounding the pandemic, the committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the display in its entirety.

The 2020 celebration would have been the 23rd annual event, and is one of several events that has been cancelled over the past couple of weeks.

"There were numerous concerns leading to this decision," the Pops in the Park press release stated.

The press release referenced the financial impact that many potential sponsors have felt along with the safety concerns for the community. The Committee wants to be sensitive to asking

for major financial commitments for the event.

"We planned to proceed with just the public fireworks display in an alternate location; however, with the current burn ban in effect for Howard County, safety is our primary concern. While we have done Pops in the Park during burn bans in previous years, those events were in Comanche Trail Park which is an area that can be controlled," the release stated.

In addition to the above mentioned concerns, the state for firework displays are very specific and take many weeks for approval.

"The process is currently delayed by the state due to the quarantine, therefore rescheduling of the fireworks later

in the year does not guarantee a permit, and we do not want to plan for the event later only to have it cancelled again," the press release stated. "Lastly and most importantly we are concerned about the safety of attendees, first responders, volunteers, and our committee in an environment where social distancing would be difficult to manage."

The committee had explored many options and was unable to find any way to proceed safely with the fireworks display as planned.

"The Pops in the Park Committee looks forward to this event every year; we are extremely saddened and disappointed, but the health and safety of our community while respecting our sponsors are our

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## Leadership Big Spring 2020 - Building leaders

COVID-19 put a stop to monthly gatherings, but not the lessons learned



Courtesy photo/Bruce Schooler

The Leadership Big Spring Class #38 participants were able to gather for their group photo before the pandemic swept across the nation and cancelled further tours of Big Spring. The class participants include (not in order): Brandi Ditto, Rafel Gallego, Angela Grimsley, Kim Parrish, Kelli Settles, Pastor Richard Schneberger, Kristina Henderson, Greg Henry, Tara Lisle, and Frank Burgard.

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

Each year, a select group is given an opportunity to see what takes place behind the scenes regarding key components of community in Big Spring and Howard County. While the Big Spring Leadership Class #38 started out strong, a pandemic came in like a wrecking ball and put a halt to routine daily activities and the Leadership Class community visits.

"This year came in with a bang and literally stopped us in our tracks," Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said. "The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class #38 was going to graduate with a bang."

Before the pandemic swept through Howard County, the Leadership Class was

able to tour the areas of Educational, Ag, Medical, Giving Back to the Community, and City and County. As the 10 Leadership participants were stepping into their community's background, the pandemic came and shifted the focus.

"Being a part of Leadership Big Spring gives those who are ambitious and enthused an ability to connect with a very broad cross section of individuals for a better understanding of the dynamics from within the social, cultural, governmental and business environments of Big Spring while identifying new ways they may thrive in them," Greg Henry, Leadership Big Spring Class #38 participant, said.

The Leadership Big Spring class is focused on teaching participants - new residents and long-standing residents

- about the community they live in. According to ValVerde there have been many life-long residents who have come through the program who have said they never knew Big Spring contained so much history and was so

expansive.

"I am a lifelong resident of Big Spring and I am ashamed of how little I knew about many of the businesses we toured and learned about," Kim Parrish, Leadership Class #38 participant, said. "It's hard to pick a favorite from our many tours, but I learned the most from the Give Back to Your Community Day. I was most impressed with Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the Howard County Resource Center as I did not realize these two agencies did so much for the community."

According to ValVerde, this is a program that was started many years ago as a way to highlight the many different industries located in Howard County and the partnerships that have been formed between them that have helped to grow our

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## Coahoma ISD Board calls Special meeting

**Herald Staff Report**

The Board of Trustees at Coahoma ISD have called a special meeting for Monday, June 1 at 8 a.m.

The meeting will pertain to an Executive Session held for personnel and the consideration and possible approval of employment contracts, for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board will first take the Oath of Office for appointed board member, after a quorum is established and verified by role call.

The Executive Session is the only agenda item on the special meeting.

The Board meets in the Elementary Board Room on the Coahoma ISD campus.

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## Obituaries

**Michael Raye Grissom**

Michael Raye Grissom, 23, passed away May 24, 2020.

He was born Jan. 10, 1997.

He is survived by his parents, James and Roxanne Hoard; two brothers, Jacob and Donovan Grissom; two sisters, Ami and Amber Hoard; grandparents, Rockey and Brenda Grissom. He was loved like a son by Rusty and Mona Phillips. We will love and remember you always.

There is a Celebration of Life planned. Friends and family will receive invitations when a date is determined.

**Roy Glenn "Corkey" Deel**

Roy Glenn "Corkey" Deel passed away on May 25, 2020 at Midland Memorial Hospital.



Roy was born on Nov. 16, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas to Ima Theodora and Avery Emmett Deel. He attended Big Spring High School and graduated in 1960. He then married his high school sweetheart where they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 19, 2020. Roy worked for Texas Electric Service Company from 1960 to 1999 when he retired after nearly 40 years.

Roy is survived by his wife Bobbye Kay Deel; two daughters, Theresa E. and her husband Retired Sergeant Steve G. Robitaille of Harker Heights, Texas, Kimberly K. and her husband C. Malcolm Vincent of Midland; their grandchildren Morgan

R. and her husband D. Hale Looney of Midland, Miles C. Vincent of Midland, and Lyndi K. Robitaille of Denton, Texas. He was blessed with two great grandchildren, Caroline G. and Elizabeth K. Looney. Roy was also survived by four brothers and sisters, Patsy Ruth and her husband Don Williams of Burnet, Vickie Diane and her husband, Reverend David McElreath of Longmont, Colorado, Michael J. Deel and his wife Sandra of Rockwall, Texas and Anthony G. Deel residing in Huntsville, Texas.

A celebration of life will be held in Rochelle, Texas at the Longwater Ranch at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

**Domingo "Mingo" J. Rubio**

Domingo "Mingo" J. Rubio, 77, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on May 26, 2020 in Midland, Texas. He was born on Jan. 1, 1943 in Marfa, Texas to Felix and Magdalena Rubio. He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring, Texas before moving to Denver, CO in 1985, and in 2009 became a dual resident of Midland, Texas. with his wife, Minnie until his passing.



Mingo is preceded in death by his parents Felix and Magdalena Rubio, sisters: Elva Olague, Esparanza (Pera) Rodriguez, Viola Lopez, Lily Herrera; brothers: Benito Rubio, Francisco (Chico) Rubio, his beloved daughters Irene and Crystal Rubio, along with numerous family members and friends who welcomed him home.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Erminia (Minnie) Rubio, seven children: Christy (George) Padilla of Big Spring, Texas; Cynthia (Ricky) Trevino of Odessa, Tx; Domingo (Moe) Rubio, Jr. of Odessa, Texas; Norma (Tom) Sullivan of Golden, CO; Danny (Debbie) Rubio of Arvada, CO; Michael (Bear) Rubio of Midland, Texas; and Lori (John) De Leon of Denver, CO. 17 Grandchildren, and 8 Great-

grandchildren. Sister, Chelo Rubio Valdez of Dallas, Texas; Brothers, Felix (Petra) Rubio of Denver, CO; Raul (Sara) Rubio of Big Spring, Texas; Ismael (Mael) Rubio of Big Spring, Texas, along with many extended loving family members and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 7577 W. 80th Ave., Arvada, CO 80003. Recitation of the Rosary and Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 12735 W. 58th Avenue, Arvada, CO 80002 at 11:00AM with private interment for the family immediately following. Services will be live streamed on Tuesday, June 2nd, beginning at 11 a.m. please join us by going to the link provided: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0T5E8ZTFYY>

The family would like to acknowledge and extend our gratitude to everyone who has expressed their love, prayers and support from near and far to us during this difficult time.

Flowers may be sent to Horan & McConaty Family Chapel at 7577 W. 80th Ave., Arvada, CO 80003 for delivery on Monday, June 1 at 8 a.m.

Please visit [www.horancares.com](http://www.horancares.com) to leave your expressions of sympathy for the family and to view the video tribute.

*Paid Obituary*

**Bobby "Paw Paw" Sullivan**

Well today a hero went to be with the Lord. My brother Bobby Wayne Sullivan passed at 2:38 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at Lamem



Lusk Sanchez State Veterans Home in Big Spring. Bobby fought the good fight and remained dedicated to God but he became seriously ill in November of last year and finally gave in and succumbed to the illness. But don't be sorry for him because he is now at peace. The reason I call him my hero is Bobby has been paralyzed for about 39 years from the waist down due to a mo-

torcycle accident that he had. But he didn't let this define who he was. As a wheelchair bound individual he accomplished a lot more than most of us. He struggled at first but after he accepted his disability he never slowed down. He was an accomplished hunter and fisherman who loved the outdoors. He attended regularly Black powder rifle shoots. He built a few model airplanes. Yeah, just about anything he set out to do, he did it. Bobby never met a stranger and had countless friends who loved him. He was an Army veteran who loved and was proud of his service record reaching the rank of Master Sergeant in a few short years. He was also a fireman for the Big Spring Fire Department at the time of his accident. The aforementioned accomplishments are not why I call him a hero. I call him that

because he was simply my big brother and I love and respected him tremendously. RIP Big Brother.

Bobby "Paw Paw" Sullivan was born Jan. 12, 1950, in Odessa to Dora Ruth and Avon Wesley Sullivan. He was a lifetime resident of Coahoma and was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ. He is also a member of the Big Spring A.R.C. Society and the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association.

Bobby is survived by three grandchildren: Jacob Robbins of Odessa, Garrett Wayne Robbins of Big Lake, and Rachel Pearl Robbins of San Angelo; two brothers: Billy Sullivan of Coahoma and Glenn Sullivan of Colorado City; three sisters: Judy George of Austin, Jo Hamblin of Gardnerville, Nevada, and Patsy Addison of Kokomo, Indiana; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bobby was preceded in death by one daughter: Shana Gomez.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Perry Schulze, Charles Buzbee, Greg Meeks, Brian Jensen, Brandon Shifflett and Phil Ervin.

Visitation will be from 9 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Coahoma Cemetery with Eddy Pitchford, minister of the Coahoma Church of Christ. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

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## Food pick up info

Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.

Children in Big Spring ISD can also pick up meals at the following times and locations:

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)  
Bus 14-Bauer (9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.)  
Bus 15: Larry and McDonald (9 a.m. -10:25 a.m.)  
Bus 27: 5th and Abrams (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)  
Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart (9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.)  
Bus 28: Limestone Ridge Apt. (9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)  
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn (9 a.m. -10 a.m.)  
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary (9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)  
Bus 86: 6th and Circle (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)  
Bus 90: Southridge RV Park (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)  
Bus 96: Albrook and Randolph (9 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)  
Bus 14-Lakeview (10 a.m - 10:30 a.m.)  
Bus 14 - Knollwood Apartments (10:35 a.m. -11 a.m.)  
Bus 15: Colby and Drew (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)  
Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)  
Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex (9:50 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.)  
Bus 28: 14th and Main Church of Christ (10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.)  
Bus 77: Airport and Mobile (10:05 - 10:55 a.m.)  
Bus 85: Scott and Macauslan (10:35 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)  
Bus 86: Washington Elementary (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)  
Bus 90: Oasis and Neill (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)  
Bus 96: Anderson School (10 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.)

Student meals will also be available for pickup on the Moss, Marcy and Junior High campuses, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until Noon. Please call, 432-264-3635 if you have any questions or concerns.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of S. Anderson. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Colorado One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Grafa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Wyoming. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of Broadway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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# Weather



**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 91. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 61. East wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 91. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Monday:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 68.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 96.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 97.

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

## Elmer Clinton

Elmer Clinton, 91, of Big Spring died Friday May 29, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Gloria Brito

Gloria Brito, 63, of Big Spring died Friday May 29, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Take 2 for SpaceX's 1st astronaut launch with more storms

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX pressed ahead with its second attempt to launch astronauts for NASA — a historic first for a private company — but more stormy weather threatened more delays.

Elon Musk's company came within 17 minutes Wednesday of launching a pair of NASA astronauts for the first time in nearly a decade from the U.S., before the threat of lightning forced a delay.

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said managers were debating whether to bump the next launch attempt from Saturday to Sunday to take advantage of a slightly improved forecast at Kennedy Space Center.

At an outdoor news conference Friday, Bridenstine stressed the need for safety for astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken — no matter how many times it takes to launch them in a SpaceX Dragon capsule atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket to the International Space Station.

"We cannot forget this is a test flight. This — is — a — test — flight," he repeated. "We will go when everything is as safe as we can possibly make it."

Forecasters put the odds of acceptable weather conditions Saturday at 50-50, with the outlook improving to 60% favorable on Sunday. Rain and clouds were the main concerns for both days.

Hurley and Behnken, veterans of two space shuttle flights, said they've both faced launch delays before. In a tweet Friday, Hurley said his first shuttle flight was scrubbed five times for weather and technical issues.

"We're ready for the next launch opportunity!" Behnken tweeted.

While NASA urged spectators to stay home Wednesday because of the pandemic, prime viewing spots at area parks and beaches were packed. A weekend launch could draw even bigger crowds. The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex reopened Thursday, after a 2 1/2-month shutdown, and within a few hours, all 4,000 tickets were snapped up for Saturday's launch attempt.

President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence were expected to return Saturday to watch from inside Kennedy. The number of employees, journalists and guests allowed inside the space center remained extremely limited because of the pandemic.

Whether an attempt is made Saturday or Sun-

day, "There will be no pressure. We will launch when we're ready," Bridenstine said.

The last time astronauts launched to orbit from the U.S. was in 2011 when Atlantis closed out the 30-year space shuttle program. Hurley was on that mission as well.

NASA hired SpaceX and Boeing in 2014 to get the ball rolling again — kicking off a commercial revolution for getting people to low-Earth orbit, according to officials. In the meantime, NASA has spent billions of dollars to buy seats on Russian Soyuz capsules for U.S. astronauts, in order to keep the space station staffed.

Boeing's first astronaut flight, on the company's Starliner capsule, is not expected until next year.

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Leanna Rubio, infant daughter of Chasity Arguijo and Fred Rubio died May 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to help with expenses at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gary Johnson, 78, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bobby Sullivan, 70, died Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Coahoma Cemetery.

Elmer Clinton, 91, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gloria Brito, 63, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# LEADER

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community. The different tours offer an insight into areas of Big Spring and surrounding communities that many may not ever realize exist.

"Partnerships, businesses who have chosen to invest into their community, and a desire to do more are common characteristics between those who have helped push Big Spring forward," ValVerde said. "Together we make our community great and together we can get through any hardship, any downturn, and at the same time, together we celebrate the progress."

Those who have taken the Leadership Big Spring class come from different industries, from healthcare, to religion, manufacturing, City workers, and even retirees. The common thread is that each participant wants to know more about the community they live in and the desire to do more.

"Leadership Big Spring gave me a chance to expand my knowledge base surrounding our community. There

was so much I didn't know and now I have a better sense of community because of it," Angela Grimsley, Leadership Class #38 participant, said.

Pastor Richard Schenberger, another Leadership Big Spring Class #38 participant added, "Whether you are new to Big Spring or you have lived here your whole life, the Leadership Class will help you discover some of the amazing hidden treasures in our community. You will come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of this storied city. We are blessed to be a part of Big Spring."

As many area high schools have done, the Leadership Big Spring class wrapped up their season with a Drive-By Graduation. Each of the 10 students were presented with their certificates at their place of employment.

To find out more about the upcoming Leadership Big Spring Class, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-7641.

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# CANCEL

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priorities in reaching this difficult decision. We look forward to the return of this celebratory and captivating event in 2021," the release stated.

In addition to Pops in the Park being cancelled, the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Board also announced on May 22 the cancellation of the 2020 Rodeo.

"It is with heavy hearts that we are announcing the 2020 Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will not be taking place," a Facebook post on the official Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo page stated.

The Rodeo Board also exhausted numerous options to make logistics work and allow for the continuation of the event, however, with the Governor's guidelines and the 25% occupancy restrictions, it didn't seem feasible to operate the 87th annual rodeo.

"Without our amazing fans and sponsors the continued success that we have enjoyed would not be possible. The many factors we faced were simply more than we all felt like we could overcome," the post stated. "Again, we thank you for your support and look forward to our 2021 rodeo. We would love to see your support for next year's rodeo and prove to everyone that Big Spring will come back with a roar in 2021!"

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# Obituaries



# CONGRATULATIONS

**Bradie Leuschner on graduating early!**

*The day has come to celebrate your great accomplishment. No matter what hurdles you had to overcome, you did it!*

*It has been an honor to watch you grow into the woman you have become.*

*I am so excited to see what your future holds. I know you will do great things.*

*- Love Mom*



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# 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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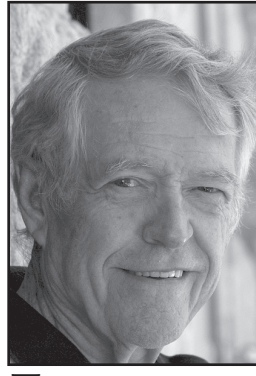
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## Midland Funny Girl

Mary Lou Cassidy of Midland has made her living as an oil and gas lawyer. “We had about 15 lawyers on the premises but I was inclined to attract an odd assortment of clients. Sometimes they could walk in the door and the receptionist would greet them and say ‘I’ll bet you’re here to see Mary Lou.’ They would be barefooted and have an Indian head-dress on. Later I would ask the receptionist how she knew that was my client. ‘Just a guess,’ she would reply.” Mary Lou is trying to retire but she started doing elder law, helping senior citizens. “They always need something.”



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She has been entertaining theater audiences in Midland for a long time. She has the ability to make people laugh. “I open my mouth and it comes

out. I think you must have a sense of timing, a big thing in comedy.

You better be born with it. Either you got it or you don’t. You have to teach some comedy basics to a good actor and they could fake it, but I think comedy timing is something you’re born with and I have it.”

She has been involved in theater most of her life. “When I was a little girl I was loud and boisterous, a tomboy and all this stuff. My parents took me down to the Midland Community Theater, which was in its infancy then, about 1952, or 53 and they had a children’s theater group. Art Cole, the theater director, would teach the first class.

He wanted to work on our accents.

He had us say ‘The light is bright in the night.’ Then we would all shout back at him, ‘The laht is braht in the naht.’ He was from Ohio and couldn’t stand to hear us talk. He finally got someone else to teach the class.”

She has worked with the Midland Community Theater and 20

years ago started another theater group called The Maverick Players.

At first, shows were presented in a shopping mall and the American Legion building before moving to its current location in the VFW Hall. When they were in the mall, the Maverick Players did 4 shows a year.

“Now we can only do 2 because the air conditioning system isn’t too good. We do them in March and November.”

Mary Lou has acted and directed and done just about everything else you can do in the theater. These days she’s having trouble memorizing. She recalls a recent experience on stage. “I’d look at this actor and have to ask what act we were in. My Velcro is getting very slick.”

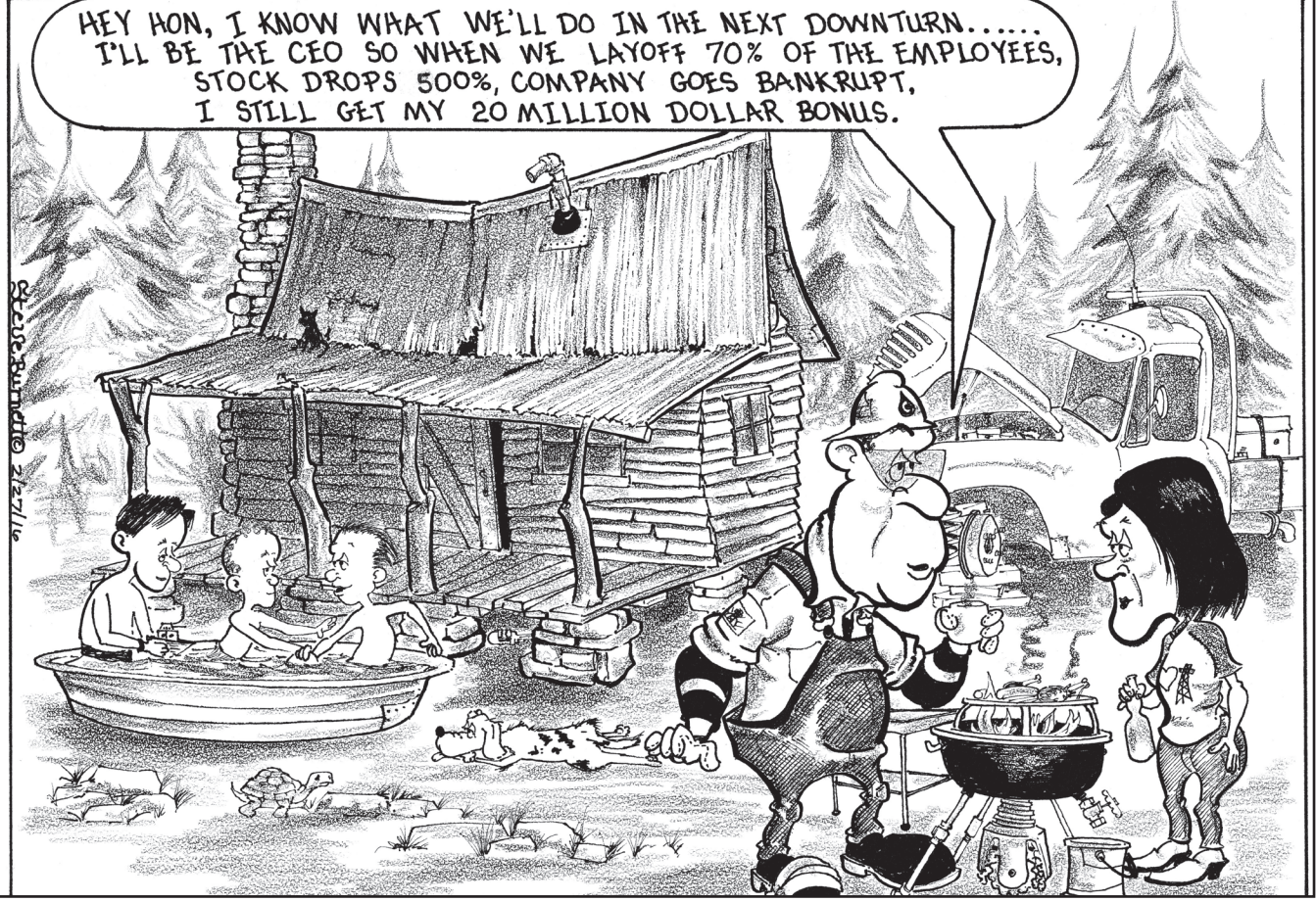
She started a nationwide playwriting competition that brought in some unusual plays like a Zombie Hamlet.

“In one, they had 2 window washers on a skyscraper talking back and forth and the dialog was good. They were having an interesting conversation.

But the writer didn’t know how to end it. He had them blast off into outer space.”

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## Look both directions

It’s a parental directive virtually all of us have lodged in our minds dating back to childhood days when our memories started to take root.

“Look both directions,” they implored, emphasizing dangers posed by passing cars.

Often, they’d throw additional dangers at intersections, thus providing more dreadful statistics that made us even more fearful of road-crossing. (Numbers have always been “brain-addling” to me, perhaps dating back to those very days.)

Decades hence, “fore and aft” mileposts in life keep popping up. Currently, coronavirus topics—pre and post—are front and center.

A vast canvas of the great unknown awaits paint application depicting how we are to live, threatening “the-ways-we’ve-always-done-it” approaches now kicked to the curb.

In a sense, we’ll all have brushes to affect how our life’s canvas will look in a world shaken today, wobbling toward so many unknowns.

Advertising may lead the parade of quick changes in the “here and now.”

Las Vegas provides a good example. Until recently, the city’s “come hither” ads boasted that “what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.”

With about half of its casinos scheduled to open in June, Las Vegas suddenly has vast stor-

age possibilities. There’ll be many places to store its “happenings,” since there’ll be only half as many as in pre-coronavirus days.

Simple things suddenly are valued. Reckon how many millions of Americans started counting the days until they can visit hair salons? How many haven’t seen their real color in decades? How many men have struggled to find their ears for moorings of their masks under hair grown long?

My aged Uncle Mort says he’ll long remember May 20—the day he got his fourth haircut in 2020 and his second pedicure in 107 years.

He told me about a neighbor in the thicket whose wife couldn’t wait to make a hair appointment. She got a total hair makeover, hopeful it would be one her hubby would “make over.” After a quick glance, he chose words as ineffective as ice cubes in a hot tub. “What happened, honey, couldn’t they work you in?” (He hoped for a virtual response, but it seemed mighty real to



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him!) Through it all—then and now—words need to be carefully chosen, both publicly and privately.

Long ago, when audio recordings of public meetings were featured in radio news, a Texan serving on the city council voiced a comment totally opposite of what he intended. He gave his “goof” little thought—until he heard it on the 6 o’clock news that evening. He protested, exclaiming, “That’s not what I said.” The reporter hit the “play” but-

ton for proof, but the councilman stood his ground. “I don’t care what that machine says, that ain’t what I said!”

Microphones thrust into faces of folks who’d rather say nothing are here to stay. Would that those who dread interviews most keep answers short. Instead, too many ramble, and football coaches are, you know, in a field of their own.

Middle Tennessee Coach Rick Stockstill provided “information overload” the other day when commenting on the resumption of NCAA football. “We’re a little bit kind of almost like guinea pigs,” he stumbled. He rambled on: “We’re the ones that are coming back first all over the country, so we’ve got to make sure we’re doing our part so there’s not a setback, and it’s going to take all of us buying in and doing whatever we can to keep everybody else healthy and safe.” Huh?

Analogies will likely continue, though. What with 49 high school graduation ceremonies scheduled at Arlington’s new major league baseball home, Globe Life Field, some speakers compared life to baseball.

First base represents education; second, marriage and family; third, professional and vocational pursuits, then finally, arrival at home plate.

That’s where we pray God rules us safe, even if we have to slide to avoid the tag.

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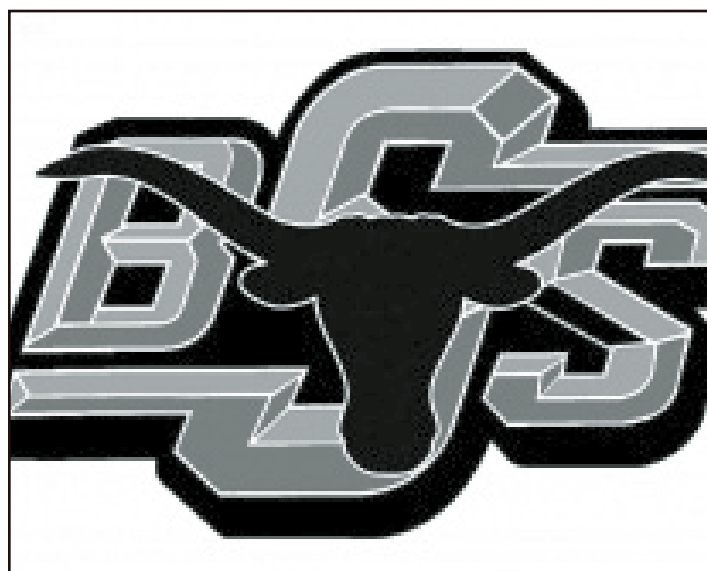
Dear Lord, please walk with us, taking our hands and leading us through this life. Amen

# Breakdown and look-ahead to Big Spring Steers 2020 Varsity Football Schedule

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers have recently finalized and released their upcoming varsity football schedule for the 2020 season. There will be new foes and old enemies for the Steers to battle with this fall on the gridiron. Let us take a short look at each team that Big Spring will face this season and what they may be in store for:



season came against a 4A squad, a 61-13 drubbing of the Lamesa Tornadoes. So, even though the Westerners failed to excel at the 5A level last season that does not mean the Steers should overlook them. Starting quarterback Brandon Smith will be returning for his senior season after passing for just under 2,000 yards last fall. Lubbock's top running back, sophomore Keith Ramirez, and top wide receiver, Noe Tijerina, will also be returning to the gridiron this year and will cause problems for the Steers defense.

### Game Three: vs. Monahans Lobos (Senior Night)

The Steers will hold their Senior Night against the Monahans Lobos, a team that they have faced and split the series with over the past two seasons. Big Spring came out on top last September with a 21-13 win to pick up their first win of the season.

The Steers finished their 2019 season with a 2-8 record and failed to qualify for the postseason. The Lobos played in the same district as the Pecos Eagles and the matchup with Big Spring should be a competitive game between two teams who have built up a small rivalry over the past couple years.

### Game Four: @ Brownfield Cubs

Big Spring's first road game of the regular season will bring them just north-west of Lubbock to face off against the Brownfield Cubs. Brownfield ended their 2019 season with a 4-7 record and were knocked out of the first round of the playoffs by Slaton. In contrast to the Lubbock Westerners, Brownfield plays a step down from the Steers and are in the 3A-1 Region I District I conference. However, that also does not mean that the Steers should take their opponent lightly because the Cubs managed to pull out a close 38-37 win over rival Lake View.

### Game Five: vs. Clint Lions (Homecoming)

One of the toughest teams the Steers will face this fall are the Clint Lions. The Lions finished last season with a 7-4 record and a second round playoff exit after losing big to Springtown. In the first round of the playoffs, the Lions defeated Big Spring district rival Lake View by a score of 34-21 and they were a high-scoring team all-season long. Clint is a power-rushing team that will have a new starting quarterback this year in upcoming senior Jesus Rocha. Running backs and playmakers such as Brandon Quintana, Jacob Fuentes, Gael Lopez, and Carlos Meza will also be returning for their senior seasons and the Clint coaching staff has experience throughout their first team offense and defense.

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### Scrimmage One: @ Pecos Eagles

The Big Spring Steers will begin their 2020 season with a scrimmage game in the same stadium that they ended their season in last November. The Steers also went head-to-head with the Eagles in an early season home game last year that ended in a 25-6 Steers loss. Pecos plays in the 4A-2 Region I District 1 conference and should be a good barometer for the Steers to see just how much they have improved over the offseason. The Eagles advanced to the second round of the playoffs last fall and finished with an 8-5 record.

### Scrimmage Two: vs. Levelland Lobos

The Steers second scrimmage will come against the team that was eliminated by the Pecos Eagles in the first round of the playoffs last year. Levelland will be led by their returning starting senior quarterback Bryant White and the two-headed backfield monster of Isaiah Salazar and Dylan Bordayo. Salazar is also a threat as a pass catcher out of the backfield and makes a nice pairing with wide receiver Jason Ramirez as the leaders through the air for the Lobos. Levelland is a member of the 4A-2 Region I District 2 conference and Big Spring has not played them in years.

### Game One: vs. Vernon Lions

The Lions finished their 2019 season with a 1-8 record and were unable to win one game away from home. Big Spring will host Vernon in the first week of the regular season and will be looking to start their season off with a convincing win over their 4A-1 Region I District 3 counterparts. Vernon ran a balanced style of offense last season and will have two quality quarterbacks that will be fighting for the starting job this fall. This will be the first time these two teams have faced off in a long time.

### Game Two: vs. Lubbock Westerners

Big Spring will play their second team that managed only one win last season in their first two weeks of the season. The Westerners play one notch above the Steers in the 5A-1 Region I District 2 conference and this will be another new out-of-district opponent for Big Spring. Lubbock's only win of the 2019

# Texas to allow some fans at outdoor pro sports events

By JIM VERTUNO

AUSTIN Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas will soon allow outdoor pro sports events to have spectators, but the numbers will be strictly limited, under a new order Thursday from Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

Abbott revised a decision to let pro sports leagues host events without fans starting in June as part of the state's move to reopen amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Abbott's new order allows outdoor stadiums to host fans up to 25% of their normal capacity. Leagues will have to apply to state health officials to be allowed to have fans. Indoor events will still be without spectators.

The change came the same day Texas reported a one-day high in new cases with 1,855 reported Thursday. Texas now has 59,776 confirmed cases through nearly 990,000 viral and coronavirus antibody tests. It has 1,601 deaths, a one-day increase of 39. The actual number of cases is likely far higher because many people have not been tested, and

studies suggest people can be infected and not feel sick.

IndyCar is set to open its season at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth on June 6, but track president Eddie Gossage said that even under the new rule, the Genesys 300 race will still not include fans.

"Nobody wants to have the stands filled with fans more than me but we're just not in a position to do that yet," Gossage said in a written statement, noting the race will be broadcast live on NBC. "While the state will permit us to operate at 25 percent of capacity, there are still too many unanswered questions for an event that is just one week away."

PGA Tour has previously said it plans to restart its season at Colonial in Texas on June 11-14 without fans attending.

Major League Baseball has proposed starting its season in early July at regular-season ballparks, if necessary without fans. Abbott's order, however, may not impact the Texas Rangers and the Houston Astros because "stadiums with retractable

roofs are not considered to be outdoors," health department spokeswoman Lara Antoon said.

State health officials did not immediately respond to questions on whether any leagues or event organizer have asked to be allowed to have spectators.

The state has set up several guidelines, including a recommendation that spectators and employees keep at least 6 feet (2 meters) apart from anyone not from their household.

If that is not feasible, other measures such as face coverings and sanitation protocols should be followed. Athletes will not be required to wear masks, but the guidelines encourage them to be worn on the sidelines.

The order does not address college sports events.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death. However, most patients recover.

# McCarthy prepping for Cowboys job from old home of Green Bay

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

Mike McCarthy has spent most of his first offseason as coach of the Dallas Cowboys also home in Green Bay.

He's also leaning on the experience of 13 years leading the Packers to help figure out how to implement a new program while the coronavirus pandemic prevents him from being in the same room with players or assistant coaches.

Meantime, McCarthy sure is ready to get back to the Cowboys' facility north of Dallas, particularly because live offseason practices would be happening now under normal circumstances.

"I have been with my family the whole time, except for maybe the first 10 days of the pandemic," McCarthy said Wednesday in his first teleconference with reporters since the draft. "But I am anxiously preparing, frankly, to get back to Frisco as soon as possible. It's time, I know, for me to get back."

McCarthy replaced Jason Garrett in early January after the Cowboys fell short of lofty expectations by missing the playoffs in the former Dallas quarterback's ninth full season.

After a year away from the game following his firing in Green Bay, McCarthy replaced most of the coaching staff and geared up for the draft.

Two weeks after that, the Cowboys had their virtual rookie minicamp and have spent recent weeks in virtual meetings with veterans and first-year play-

ers under the NFL's pandemic guidelines.

McCarthy said the emphasis has been on terminology and overall philosophy as coaches wait for on-field instruction time. And that's where the experience of previous, more traditional offseasons in Green Bay comes into play.

"This challenge has clearly made everyone — especially myself — take a step back," McCarthy said. "Don't react as fast as you may have in normal times. I think you've really got to trust your instincts, the awareness and your experience in this particular time as far as how we install and initiate the development and growth of our program."

Quarterback Dak Prescott hasn't been part of the virtual meetings because he hasn't signed the \$31 million one-year tender under the franchise tag and is using his absence as leverage to get a long-term deal. The deadline for a multiyear contract is July 15.

After winning a Super Bowl with Aaron Rodgers in Green Bay nine years ago, McCarthy knows the development of his relationship with Prescott is among the highest priorities.

That's also one place where McCarthy chose stability with his staff by retaining offensive coordinator Kellen Moore, who was Prescott's backup for a year, then his position coach and finally the play caller last season.

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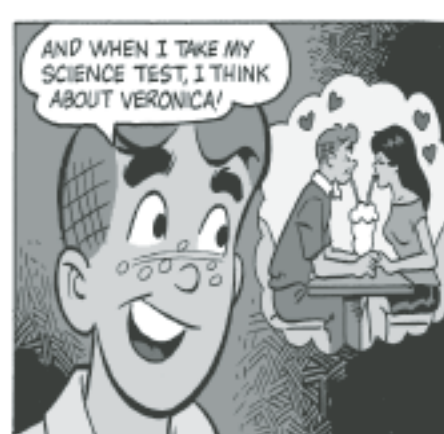
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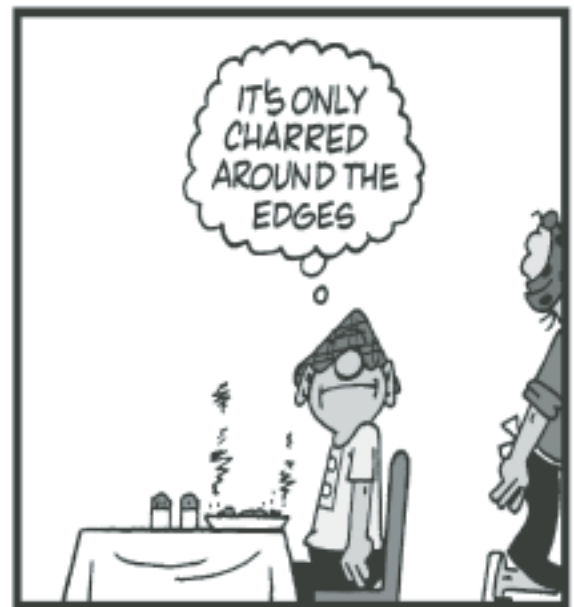
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# Athletes wary about virus, testing upon return

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Sports Writer

Chris Thompson is an NFL running back. He also is the father of a 4-month-old daughter, Kali. Guess which of those facts matters more to him when he ponders eventually returning to work amid a pandemic.

"If I go practice or play and I come back home with the virus ... that's my biggest worry," said Thompson, who signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars this month after seven seasons with the Washington Redskins.

"We're not robots out there," he said. "People out there are saying, 'Hey, with all that's going on, we need sports back in our lives to get our minds off everything.' That's all good. But you've got to think about this, too: When we start back in training camp, you're putting 90 guys from 90 different places all together ... and it happens a lot that a lot of us get sick."

These are the sorts of thoughts those who play the games that people love to watch, discuss and gamble on are grappling with as lockdowns brought about by the coronavirus outbreak begin to ease and various sports resume competition — NASCAR and UFC, for example — or attempt to figure out how to, such as Major League Baseball, the NBA and NHL.

Reporters from The Associated Press spoke to more than two dozen athletes from around the globe — representing seven countries and 11 sports — to get a sense of how concerned or confident they are about resuming competition. What emerged, above all, was a sense that they are going through the very same sort of calculus that much of the rest of society is: What is safe nowadays? How do I, and my family, stay healthy, especially with no cure or vaccine yet?

"There's certainly an element of the unknown," New Jersey Devils defenseman Connor Carrick said. "This has not been studied all that long still, even though it feels like an eternity some days."

Or as Bethanie Mattek-Sands, who has won nine Grand Slam tennis doubles titles, explained: "It's sort of even tough to gauge what I should be worried about."

Mattek-Sands did say she thinks those in charge of her sport will do their best to protect participants, which matched the general consensus among

those the AP interviewed.

They also consider the optics.

"You'd have these billionaire (team) owners that are probably social distancing in their boxes, while you have guys on the field playing a game with no fans," said Kelvin Beachum, an NFL free agent. "I think that would be very, very awkward."

Nearly unanimous was a wariness about enough COVID-19 testing — what types, how many, how often — and other precautions (contact tracing, for example) that leagues, unions and governing bodies might institute as they develop protocols.

Most echoed Thompson's sentiment that "we should have constant testing," but there was hesitation about too many nasal swabs or blood samples.

"If the tests don't come back for a couple of days and whatnot, how does that really work?" said two-time Olympic champion ski racer Mikaela Shiffrin. "It's good to know if you test positive or negative. But if we're talking about being tested today so we can race tomorrow, but the results don't come back for two days, it doesn't really help."

Ryan Zimmerman, a member of the World Series champion Washington Nationals, was adamant: "Someone is going to need to be able to assure us that the testing put forward will be able to catch this before it can cause some sort of outbreak among people in close quarters."

Some wondered whether they would agree to get a seasonal flu shot if required, the way it was in Australian rugby. Two athletes said they never get seasonal flu vaccines — one also didn't want recommended shots before a recent trip to Africa — and aren't inclined to change that.

Others weren't sure they would agree to get a COVID-19 vaccine if mandated by a league.

"I think it would stop at some sort of vaccine to play," St. Louis Cardinals All-Star shortstop Paul DeJong said. "There is a fine line between what (MLB) can do to protect us and some things they can do to kind of exert power over us."

For those in sports such as golf or tennis that require international travel, there are questions about how easy it will be to hop from country to country — and how easy it'll be to avoid catching or spreading the virus.

## MCCARTHY

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"He's involved in a business situation and I have full confidence he will be ready to go," McCarthy said of the player the Cowboys consider a cornerstone of the franchise for years to come. "There has been communication. This is the way these business situations go sometimes and you respect that and have all the confidence it will work out."

McCarthy has said he learned lessons from the lockout in 2011 in the months after winning the Super Bowl with the Packers, when he relied too much on word that the offseason wouldn't be badly disrupted and didn't spend enough time on contingencies.

This time, he said the Cowboys have a plan for camp in Oxnard, California, where they've trained most of the past decade, and a plan for camp at headquarters in Frisco in the increasingly likely scenario of the club not leaving the state.

McCarthy noted it was hard to know if the staff was behind on implementing a new program because he'd never been through anything like this.

"I think it's obvious to think if we started April 6 like we normally would as a first-year program we would be in a different spot than we are here today," the coach said. "I think our coaches have been very creative. I think the communication and correspondence with players have been excellent. The questions have been intuitive."

McCarthy still hasn't stood in front of his team and addressed everyone, and he said he doesn't

have the setup for the "90 boxes" on his computer screen. So in that first virtual meeting with the whole group, he tried to give his players a sense of who he is, what his philosophy will be, and what the priorities are.

And he's ready for that first face to face.

"I think we've all been taught a whole different level of patience," McCarthy said. "I'm anxious to get back, frankly. My family is probably anxious for me to get back. I'm really focusing on maximizing the time and the meeting time and the most important things we need to get done when we do get back together."

For the time being, McCarthy's new home is still his old home.

## STEERS

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### Game Six: @ Littlefield Wildcats

The Steers have another road game against a 3A team on the schedule and will look to add another 'W' to the win-loss column against a smaller school. The Wildcats concluded their 2019 season with a 4-6 record and they did not qualify for the playoffs. Just like Brownfield, the Littlefield Wildcats were able to grab a win over a 4A team last season when they defeated the Snyder Tigers to open up their season. A big road win at this point of the season could do wonders for the confidence of the Steers and could possibly set them up for a strong finish to the season.

### Game Seven: @ Pampa Harvesters

Pampa was a powerhouse last season and finished the year with a 9-3 record before losing to Big Spring district-rival Andrews in the second round. The Harvesters are a high-scoring team that is not afraid to run the score up if you allow them to. In addition to their strong record, the Harvesters also played and dominated Vernon 47-6, defeated Levelland 34-28, and shut-out Clint 28-0. However the Steers play against those teams earlier in the season could tell us which way this late-season game will go but with high school football, any team can win on any given Friday night. Pampa loves to air the ball out and will be under the leadership of new starting quarterback Jack Studebaker. Studebaker's predecessor finished the 2019 season with 3,684 yards and 34 touchdowns. The Harvesters also return their dynamic running back Cornelius Landers who rushed for over 1,000 yards and also notched 10 touchdowns on the ground.

### Game Eight: vs. Andrews

Big Spring will open up their district schedule by facing 2019 first-place fin-

isher Andrews at home. Last year, the Mustangs demolished the Steers by a score of 48-14 and were able to advance all the way to the third round of the postseason. Andrews finished last season with an 11-2 record and are also a team that loves to pass the ball. There will be a competition to decide who the new Andrews starting quarterback will be this fall after the graduation of gunslinger Brett Leach. The Mustangs scored 47 touchdowns through the air last season and with some turnover happening in the Big Spring secondary, this game will be a big one to see just how much the Big Spring program has advanced since last fall.

### Game Nine: @ Fort Stockton Panthers

Big Spring will play their second district game against first-year district rival Fort Stockton on the road in their second-to-last regular season game. The Panthers ended last season with a 7-3 record and have now made the move up from Division 2 to Division 1. Fort Stockton loves to run the ball and have many playmakers who can contribute on the offensive side of the ball. They also have a defensive line duo of A.J. Garica and Evian Castro who combined for 13.5 sacks during their junior year.

### Game Ten: vs. Lake View Chiefs

The final game of the regular season for the Steers will once again be a matchup with rival Lake View. The game last fall came down to overtime and a 42-41 Steers win that gave them third place in the district. Lake View began their 2019 season 3-0 before losing every game for the rest of their season. Since Big Spring and Lake View became district rivals two years ago, they have split the series. The game between these two squads this fall will be the rubber match and will heat up the rivalry even more for the years to come.

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The Leadership Class of 2020 was cut short due to the pandemic. However, before no more gatherings were allowed, the class was able to tour the education industry, learn about Ag in Howard County, and what it means to give back to the community.



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# The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: Where People and Pet's Connect Living with a Pet with Special Needs

By **MELANIE GAMBRELL**

Pet Care Specialist

Over the last several years I've had the opportunity to care for some many wonderful and deserving pets that by no fault of their own were abandoned by their people. As our pets grow older, comes similar health issues as when we age, Diabetes, Arthritis, Cancer, Heart problems, Kidney and Liver failure, hearing (deafness) and eyesight (blindness). Along with those types of health issues usually comes with it a substantial medical bill. As a pet owner, especially ones who's had the pet for many years, it's difficult to watch them struggle to adjust, they slow down as age takes it's toll on them. Now is the time they need you the most and learning how to manage and live with their special needs will make a difference in their lives.

If you're living with a pet now who's age is beginning to show, you're noticing that their eye sight is beginning to fade. Your pet will adjust easier to loosing their sight and being able to navigate around the house if things like furniture aren't moved.

Like us, they have learned where the couch and coffee table are, moving those after they have lost their sight is confusing and dangerous. Keeping doors closed, like spare bedrooms or bathrooms so that they don't wonder in, get confused or lost helps. A pet that has been in the same household and then slowly loses it's sight usually does very well in a home with little to no issues. You can also purchase a Blind Dog Halo that is like a bumper for your pet. It protects your pet from running into things like furniture and walls and injuring themselves.

If you have a pet with mobility issues such as walking, there are products such as slings that will help you lift their backend up as well as slings that help with the front. These are called, Dog Lift Harness Walk Aid Sling or Lift Harnesses and can be purchased on line. I've got these on hand and they are a life saver, especially for my larger breed dogs with walking issues. If you are looking at something to help them move around you can purchase a Dog Wheelchair, this allows them the freedom to come and go, to be independent. If stairs are also an issue, you can purchase a Pet Ramp for your home and car which helps them get in and out of the house or car, eliminating going up and down stairs. If you have a pet that shouldn't be jumping off the couch or has problems getting into bed, at my house we have Pet Stairs. These come in different sizes and work for large and small pets and are wonderful. There are so many wonderful and useful products on the market today that helps a pet with special needs.

When I'm taking in a new rescue even before we head to the house our first visit is with my Vet. Knowing ahead of time on health issues gives me an idea on preparation for the house. Over 2 years ago I adopted what was to be a 9 yr old Chihuahua from Midland Animal shelter, he was blind and so very frail with walking issues and -was in line to be euthanized. After a complete examination he was older than 9, more like 12 yrs and he just needed a place to live out his days. Going over 2 years plus, he's still with me and holding his own. In November I was contacted about another blind dog. This poor intact male is a very large dog and I've taken a bit of a different approach with him. Again, having a routine for any pet is a must.

I've got a 20 foot cable set out in the yard so that he can get his daily Vitamin D and exercise. It's set out so that he can not get tangled up or run into anything due to his blindness. When setting out his water bowl, I'll tap the concrete sidewalk with the metal bowl and he hears that and comes to water. When coming in and out of the house where he has a comfy bed in a very large pet crate, we have 2 small stairs. He's learned that when I say STEP, STEP he'll high step his feet as not to stumble up the stairs. It's really something to watch, he picked this up in such a very short time. I call him Rusty and he's such a wonderful dog and being blind hasn't stopped him from living out a full life.

Over my lifetime, I've lived with a diabetes cat and dog and it's just like living with a family member who has the disease. You set up a routine, making sure that they are fed at the same time, that the portions of food are regulated and that they get their insulin at a set time. Little Bit has been gone now for a little over 2 years and to this day my alarms are still

set for 7 am and 7 pm to give her injections. Giving them their insulin can be taught by your local veterinarian that has diagnosed your pet with the disease. At first 11<10w it's scary giving the shots, but with time you'll be doing it like a pro. Little Bit was so good that I could give them without anyone



Courtesy photo  
**Melanie Gambrell is pictured with Ol' Man, one of the adopted pets from Midland Animal Shelter.**

holding her and she never moved. Practice will always make perfect!

I could go on and on about the pets that have shared my life, Lucky was diagnosed with Addison and had a monthly visit at the vet's for her life saving injection. Buckshot was diagnosed with a rare form of Cancer in his Pelvis. At that time I had my grooming and boarding business open and shut the doors to take him to CSU, Colorado State University for Cancer treatment. He was in Ft. Collins, Colorado for a month while he did radiation treatments 5 days a week. While in Colorado with him, I sought out a Homeopathic Veterinarian and we did Molecular Injections along with deionized water and sea salt to help him through his

cancer. At the time of the deionized water and sea salt, I was treating a diabetic cat also. Every pet that I had was drinking the water and the cat with the diabetes, his insulin requirements decreased. I can't swear as to why his levels dropped, but I can say that the deionized water and sea salt played a role in it. So, I'm sure that there are some of you that say there's no way you'd shut your business down and move to another state so your pet could have Cancer treatment, but I know a lot of people who would go to the end of the earth and do whatever they could for their pets. Buckshot got 18 months of remission before I made that long trip back to Colorado to say goodbye. Because it was such a rare Cancer in his Pelvis, medical articles were written to further Cancer research and a necropsy was done to possibly save someone else's pet.

Kidney failure is probably a more common thing that is seen as our pets age. With a proper diet prescribed by your vet and regular lab work will keep them with you much longer than just ignoring the fact that they are ill. Science Diet Prescription KD had made a difference in lengthening the life of a very sweet and wonderful dog named Cry Baby. When I adopted out Cry Baby he was a healthy, happy, beautiful 60+ lb Aussie and on a unannounced home visit was found to be 30 lbs underweight, skin and bones. Watch your babies, when you notice that they aren't eating and rapidly losing weight, or consuming large amounts of water, something is terribly wrong, get them to the vet, don't just ignore all the warning signs. With a lot of hard work, hand feedings, numerous trips to the vet for injections, medications, special KD diets I was able to bring this precious boy back from the doorstep of death. However, had this been caught much earlier Cry Baby would still be with me today.

I'm living with a young German Shepherd that has been diagnosed with IBS, Irritable Bowel Syndrome which I'm hoping she'll grow out of. Willow was a rescue off the streets that was covered in ticks and of course we dealt with Tick Fever (Ehrlichia) then find out about her IBS. But as any good pet parent knows, you take the good with the bad and learn from all the love that these pets have to give.

I also live with a handicapped cat, Kit Kat who has nerve damage to a front leg. When I got the call about this kitty, the call was to rescue a kitten with a broken leg. Upon immediately receiving the kitten, off to the vet we went to find out that it wasn't broken but nerve damage. To this day, Kit Kat lives a normal life with his deformed leg and it doesn't seem to slow him down. I have to keep the

nails trimmed on this bad foot, this keeps him from catching them on the Carpet and keep them from growing into his foot. Kit Kat is a strictly indoor cat because he'd never survive outdoors with his leg. I keep a constant watch to make sure that he isn't rubbing any ulcers or has any open sores as he uses the bent part of his foot for a crutch to walk.

Then there is my Salem girl, my precious Doberman. She has a degenerate back disease which requires trips to the vet for pain injections, pain medications and x-rays to keep up with the progression of the disease. Making her comfortable is my main objective, so soft comfy beds are throughout the house for her to rest on. If you are dealing with a dog with arthritis, hip and joint issues, having trouble getting up and down please do not let them rest on the hard floor. You can purchase orthopedic dog beds locally or online that'll help them rest more comfortably. If you have a house with hardwood floors or ceramic tiles try putting down non-slip rugs to give your dogs better traction. This will prevent them from slipping and falling on the slick floors and preventing any further injury. There are many over the counter products like, Glucosamine, Cosequin chewables, CBD oils and chews, many different supplements to help with arthritis or joint issues. Always check with your vet and see what might work best for your pet. also use a sling that helps me get them up and down while saving my back and theirs too. For those dogs having trouble getting up and down the stairs, they make pet ramps or by using a piece of plywood you can design your own.

For some living with a special needs pet, it may be the end of the world, but it doesn't have to be. No doubt there will be an adjustment period, but once you get into the routine of it all, it'll just be like any other walk in the park. I hope that some of the information and ideas I've provided will help make the transition easier for you and your fur baby. Imagine me doing it with all that I have, me one person with many special need pets and then you, with just one, you'll be great at it and your pet will love you even more because of the deep bond you're creating. When you brought this pet, dog or cat into your home it was for life, not until things got a little ruff or their eyes began to become cloudy or they're body became frail, if was until the final end. As a Rescuer, Pet Owner, but especially as a Pet Lover I owe them that, for all that they have given me over the many years, I hope you'll feel the same way.

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**Pictured above is Rusty, one of Gambrell's dogs, as he is being evaluated by the vet for intake.**

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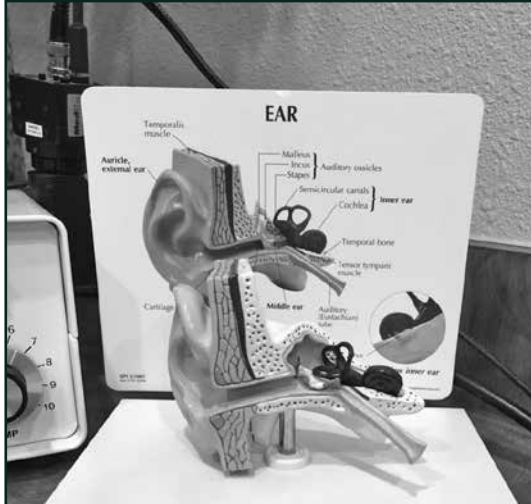
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## Highlighting Howard Co. Business *Hearing the beautiful sounds*



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Beltone has been serving those with hearing loss for 80 years and has been serving Howard County for 60 years. The family owned business is not only treating patients, they are treating neighbors, friends and family. Throughout the year, Beltone offers different specials for their customers.

By CARRIE HARVELL

Herald Contributing Writer

*"Blindness separates us from things, but deafness separates us from people." Helen Keller*

The first hearing aid was created in the 17th century. More modern hearing aids followed the invention of the telephone. Next came the electric hearing aid in 1898. The late 20th century was when the first digital hearing aid was commercially distributed to the public. Following that the invention of the carbon microphone, transmitters, digital signal processing chips (DSP) and computer technology has brought hearing aids to what they are today.

Hearing loss can have a huge impact on a person's life, causing problems in relationships, work and emotional well being

A concerned husband went to the doctor to talk about his wife, he said "Doctor, I think my wife is losing her hearing. She never hears me the first time I say something and always asks me to repeat things."

"Well" the doctor replies "go home and stand about 15 feet from her and say something to her. If she doesn't respond move closer, and say it again. Keep doing this until she answers. This will give us an idea about the severity of her deafness."

The husband goes home and does exactly as instructed. He starts off about 15 feet away from his wife who is in the kitchen chopping vegetables.

"Honey, what's for dinner?"

He hears no response. He moves about five feet closer and asks again. No reply. He moves closer again. Still no reply. He gets fed up and moves right behind her, about an inch away and asks again, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

She replies "for the fourth time, vegetable stew!"

Beltone is celebrating its 80th anniversary. Beltone was founded in 1940 by Sam Posen in Chicago Illinois. Their first hearing aid was a model H. Currently Beltone has over 1500 independently owned "hearing care centers" in the United States, and are also located in Canada and 40 countries worldwide.

Garrett Morgan and his family own and operate all the Beltones in West Texas. There are five centers in the Permian Basin including the Big Spring location - serving Big Spring for 60 years - at 104 W. Marcy Drive. They also have centers in Lubbock, Amarillo and Plainview. His sister-in-law, Dr. Tonia Fleming, is over the center in Lubbock. She works closely with Texas Tech audiology department. Fourth year audiology interns known as (AUD's) are a part of that center. His wife has been a part of the company for 16 years. They have two sons, Avery 13 and Dax 11 both are on all their advertising. Dax has already expressed an interest in becoming the third generation to work with Beltone.

While hearing aids can open up the world for those who are dealing with hearing loss, not everyone with hearing loss will benefit from hearing aids.

"Only 1 in 5 people who could benefit from hearing aids wear them. The earlier hearing loss is detected the better their quality of hearing will be with hearing aids, also they will maintain their hearing longer," he said "When hearing loss is age related people will usually go seven to 10 years before seeking help."

He continued, "I recommend people have an evaluation at age 40 and every year after that even if they do not see a problem."

Beltone offers free testing and evaluations, this sets a base line, therefore early detection can help the patient retain their quality of hearing longer. According to Garrett, most of the time people who have damage to their inner ear or the nerve that links the ear with the brain is caused by disease, aging, prolonged exposure to loud noise or medication.

"Hearing is a window into a person's over-all health," he said. "Sometimes a hearing test will detect other health problems such as heart trouble, Diabetes 2, blood pressure problems, and on occasions have identified tumors."

Untreated hearing loss to isolation,

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## Grazing Cattle: Deep in the Heart of Texas

By Donnie Lunsford

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Public Affairs Specialist

Brady is commonly referred to as "The Heart of Texas" since it is the closest city to the center of the state. The Brady area has been, and continues to be, a large producer of agricultural products due to its rural landscapes.

Joe and Mackye Johnson of the Johnson Ranch in McCulloch County have continued their family tradition of ranching and farming. Joe's grandfather moved to Texas on a cattle drive and settled on the present-day ranch in 1899 after settling down to start a family.

"Ranching heritage is in your blood and you have to treat the land correctly if you are going to keep it for generations to come," said Joe. "I think my father would be proud to know that the ranch has been restored to grass and that it will be ready to be passed down to my grandchildren, making it five generations of his original ranch still intact with land actually added to it."

The Johnsons were recognized by the Family Land Heritage Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture for having homesteaded and worked on the ranch consistently for more than 100 years. Johnson feels ranching heritage is important because he fought to keep own-

ership during severe droughts, high interest rates and difficult times.

"When I was trying to raise a family, I had to work around local ranches to make ends meet, but at the end of the day I still had to do all of the things around my ranch," explained Joe. "Those were long days and short nights, but now I can look at my ranch and see my successes that paid off while struggling. It was worth it."

Wisdom and restoration

Joe said ranching can be a never-ending job, especially when it is a family legacy. A farmer or rancher will do what they must do to make ends meet, make sure taxes and bills are paid before drawing a salary. Joe said life can be tough when you are struggling with drought and other obstacles. He said sometimes you must go through a life change to find your way.

"I was just a drunk cowboy for 30 years when I found Jesus and became born again which truly allowed me to find wisdom and my path to be a true steward of the land," he expounded.

With a new-found life, the Johnsons knew they wanted to restore the land to grassland while growing quality cattle. He uses the philosophy of managing grass through a rotational grazing system, allowing every pasture to get at least 90 days of rest before returning to the pasture.

Part of the restoration process was removing brush and improving infrastructure to facilitate a proper grazing system.

"In 1977, I first worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Great Plains program, removing brush and reseeding the land to grass," said Joe. "In the mid-1990s, I was able to develop infrastructure by using their Environmental Quality Incentives Program to remove brush, reseed pastures and install cross fences so I could properly rotate my cattle and develop water sources in every pasture."

Through technical assistance, NRCS assists agricultural producers in developing conservation plans, giving them a roadmap to keep ranches and farms sustainable. Through Farm Bill programs, such as EQIP, financial assistance is also available to assist with the cost of conservation implementation to address resource concerns.

"I couldn't have done everything I did without the financial assistance of the NRCS which has been the best tool to help the land that we have ever had to restore the land." Joe added, "We don't save this land by keeping it covered with a healthy stand of grass, it will blow our soil away, which can't be replaced in two lifetimes, letting our legacy blow away in the wind."

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depression and increases the chances of Alzheimer's, Dementia, short term memory loss and balance disorders. Hearing loss that is caused by problems with the ear canal, eardrum or middle ear can require surgery or other medications. When this occurs, they refer them to an ENT (ears, nose and throat doctor)

"My older brother, Chris Morgan who currently coaches for the Atlanta Falcons, told me that when he was coaching for the Seattle Sea Hawks one night they set the record for the loudest stadium That means the noise level was over 135 decibels. Anyone there that night will have some hearing damage, it only takes one incident to show up later in life. At age 65, 30% need hearing aids, and at age 70 it is closer to 50%. Constant exposure to loud noise will damage hearing. Those numbers go up for anyone living and working in the Permian Basin. The oil field and construction in this area is very damaging to everyone regardless of age. Hunting without hearing protection can lead to damage. Even someone who is taking a concealed handgun class should wear hearing protection.

"I cannot stress how important protecting our hearing is," Garrett said. "Twenty percent of teenagers, by the time they are 19, will have noticeable hearing loss, this is self-induced by wearing headphones. No one should wear headphones for longer than 30 minutes a day and always below 80 decibels. Parents should monitor the amount of time spent in band halls, and sporting events and take precautions. Using household tools or lawn equipment without ear protection will certainly do damage. Tinnitus (a constant ringing in the ear and often a feeling of being off balance) is the number one war related problem they are seeing more often and in younger patients."

Garrett said, over the years, their patients have become friends and family. One patient became a very close friend. On Thursdays, they would meet at Del's for lunch until he had to move to Dallas. One day Garrett was in the back of the office when the receptionist came back flustered and told him there was a man in the front office with a shotgun. Not sure what was happening Garrett went to the front office. There was his friend with his favorite shotgun. He wanted Garrett to have the gun and had brought it to him.

"After everyone started breathing again, we all laughed about it; that meant a lot to me," Garrett said. "He wanted me to have something that was important to him."

Belton has won four awards this year: A Silver 2020 Stevie Winner for sales and customer service, Big Innovation for 2020, World Changing Ideas and the Edison Award for innovation and innovators Beltone was the first to partner with Apple, the first to create Bluetooth hearing app and the first to connect to iPhone and other smart phones and now android. Even before the pandemic they launched Remote Care. This allowed patients to make their appointment and receive adjustments by phone. Starting in March they went live so patients could be seen and helped. During this time of wearing mask patients had difficulties hearing even with the assistance of hearing aids. Belton just

released an app called HearMax. This allows the patient to control the volume, filter background noise, enhance speech clarity, control bass, midrange and treble from their phone. Patients can also do speech therapy from their phones Speech therapy is as important for improved hearing as the aids. The app has different programs for different environments: restaurants, outdoor, church, and meetings. The app also has a feature titled "find my hearing aids" to assist patients who lose them. The new hearing aids have a whistle stop feature that keeps them from reverberation and are cosmetically almost invisible. Now wireless devices, tv's and phones can be connected to hearing aids. Also, a patient can have a microphone that clips to their clothes that helps them hear their own voice so they can control their volume.

Males struggle with a females or small children's voices because of pitch. Low tones are usually the first range to disappear. There is a big difference between volume and clarity, loudness and comprehension. Just because volume is increased does not mean the person having trouble will hear better. Most patients can hear they just can't distinguish between sounds. Untreated hearing loss leads to Auditory deprivation. This is the brain's ability to detect certain sounds such as soft speech, unfortunately there is no cure for this. Hearing aids help the brain tune in sound. They also help with clarity; this is a way of balancing frequency to a normal level. Hearing aids are a prescription designed for each individual. Belton evaluates each patient's hearing as well as how they comprehend words in each ear separately.

Beltone makes swim molds, in ear monitors for musicians and IFB's (the ear monitors that news reporters use on location coverage), police officers and air traffic controllers. For hunters, and competition shooting they do custom fit hearing protection. Garrett works with all the school districts testing students and checking classroom settings.

Garrett uses the business as a ministry. They partner with United Way to "give the gift of hearing." The foundation has fit over 100 hearing aids per year for residents in need. Texas Department of Rehabilitation Services offers one device, such as tablets or smart phones every five years free to qualified applicants. They also offer caption phones free which are usually installed in 24 to 72 hours.

Different needs determine price. Evaluations and testing are free, as well as follow up care. They will see veterans at no cost and clean hearing aids or adjust them. Prices can range from \$100's to \$1000's of dollars, however most insurances will cover part of the cost. Several Medicare plans have a discount program for hearing aids. Beltone participates in managed care on a national level. To help patients on fixed incomes, they offer financing for hearing aids as low as \$27 a month with 0% interest and no down payment. There is also a leasing program which mean the patient never buys batteries. "Hearing aid scams are everywhere he said. "They are basically just amplifiers and do not address the actual problem."

June 1-5 Beltone is offering a Stimulus program: Free hearing exam, wax check and removal, tablet, tv link, lifetime follow up care, smart phone service, caption phone technology and instant rebates. Call Garrett and his staff at 432-263-6181 for more information. Visit the website at beltonewstexas.com.

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## District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Howard County Et. Al  
Defendant: Brant Nichols, Jason Morrow, Christina Morrow, Attorney General Child Support Office  
Type of Case: Tax Cases  
Date: May 21, 2020

Plaintiff: Jose Salazar  
Defendant: Baylee Whisenhunt-Raff  
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – Motor vehicles  
Date: May 21, 2020

Plaintiff: Ally Bank  
Defendant: Louis A. Garfias  
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Date: May 21, 2020

Plaintiff: Bobby Barber, Cheryl Barber  
Defendant: Sinclair Oil & Gas  
Type of Case: Real Property - other  
Date: May 22, 2020

Plaintiff: Heather Slaughter  
Defendant: Juan Bautista  
Type of Case: Civil Case - other  
Date: May 21, 2020

Plaintiff: Marces Morgan  
Defendant: State of Texas  
Type of Case: Writ of Habeas Corpus  
Date: May 27, 2020

Plaintiff: Eva Hernandez  
Defendant: Bryan Hernandez  
Type of Case: Divorce - Children  
Date: May 27, 2020

Plaintiff: John Kimberly  
Defendant: Gina Kimberly  
Type of Case: Divorce - Children  
Date: May 27, 2020

Plaintiff: Desiree Mayer  
Defendant: Jordan Mayer  
Type of Case: Divorce – no children  
Date: May 27, 2020

## Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Gloria Chavez, heir of Gary Melchor Rodriguez a/k/a Gary M. Rodriguez, deceased (heir of Adelaida G. Rosales a/k/a Adela Rosales)  
Grantee: Simon Eladio Zubiate Jr.  
Property: Parcel and piece being out of SE/4, Sec. 42, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co Survey.  
Date: May 12, 2020

Grantor: Benard Makori  
Grantee: Yvonne Gesimba Kennedy  
Property: Being all of Lot. No. 3 in block No. 1, Settles Addition.  
Date: May 15, 2020

Grantor: John Loveless and Kelsie Armistead  
Grantee: W. Drew Darby  
Property: Tract 1: Lot 16, block 5, Cedar Crest Addition; Tract 2: Lot 17, block 5, Cedar Crest Addition  
Date: May 20, 2020

Grantor: Victor Hugo Perez-Munoz and Norma Jean Guajardo  
Grantee: Robert M. Mitchell  
Property: Lot No. 6, block A, Merrick-Greene Addition  
Date: May 21, 2020

Grantor: Robert H. Moore III and Marcellous

Weaver  
Grantee: South Plains Rural Health Services, Inc.  
Property: Tract 1: Being the northeast part of Block 1, Hathcock Addition and the east half of Block 98; Tract 2: A parcel of land out of and part of Lot. No. 1, Block No. 1, Hathcock Addition; Tract 3: Being a portion of Block No. 98; Tract 4: Being a tract of land out of the East 1/2 of Block No. 1 of the Hathcock Heights Addition.  
Date: May 16, 2020

Grantor: J&E Miller Investments LLC  
Grantee: Nathan Lee Sundry and Samantha Lee Sundry  
Property: Being all of Lot. No. 29, in Block No. 3, College Park Estates  
Date: May 22, 2020

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens**  
Grantor: Dawayne Webster and Jessica Webster  
Grantee: Garrett Jennings and Lauren Jennings  
Property: Being a 1.0 acre tract of land out of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 1, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.  
Date: May 18, 2020

Grantor: Amber Maree Jones  
Grantee: John Loveless and Kelsie Armistead  
Property: Lot No. 6, block A, Merrick-Greene addition  
Date: May 21, 2020

Grantor: Linda Rodriguez  
Grantee: Joshua Levasseur and Shayla Levasseur  
Property: Being a 4.64 acre tract of land, more or less out of Sec. 17, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.  
Date: May 20, 2020

Grantor: James Boudreau and Jamie Boudreau  
Grantee: Richard P. Goetz  
Property: Being Lot. 7, in Block No. 3, Stardust Addition  
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City of Big Spring  
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Timing is everything

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ K J 7 3  
♥ 8  
♦ K Q J 5 2  
♣ K J 8

**WEST**  
♠ A 10 9 2  
♥ J 9 6 3 2  
♦ 6  
♣ 10 6 4

**EAST**  
♠ 5 4  
♥ K 7 5 4  
♦ A 10 8 3  
♣ 9 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 8 6  
♥ A Q 10  
♦ 9 7 4  
♣ A Q 7 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♦ Pass 2NT  
Pass 3♠ Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — three of hearts.

**Notrump contracts** often feature a race between the defenders and the declarer for the establishment of tricks. That is why the opening leader usually leads his longest suit at the start of play.

The defenders have a built-in advantage because they get the jump on declarer in the race to develop tricks. If they have enough high cards and a sufficiently long suit, the tempo they gain on the opening lead frequently proves to be decisive. But declarer can sometimes offset this

advantage by choosing correctly which of his own long suits to play first. Here is such a case.

**West led a heart**, and South won East's king with the ace. Declarer then played a diamond to dummy's jack, taken by East with the ace. Back came a heart to South's ten and West's jack, and another low heart by West established his suit. When the opposing diamonds turned out to be divided 4-1, declarer could score only eight tricks, and he eventually finished down one.

However, **South** should have made the contract. He should not have attacked diamonds first. Instead, he should have crossed to dummy with a club at trick two and returned a low spade.

If **East has the ace** and takes it, South has nine tricks — three spades, two hearts and four clubs. And if East doesn't go up with the ace, South wins the spade with the queen, then shifts his attention to diamonds. After forcing out the ace, he again has nine tricks — one spade, two hearts, four clubs and two diamonds.

If **West has the ace of spades**, as in the actual case, he is stymied after he wins the spade queen with the ace. A heart return into the Q-10 hands South an extra trick, while any other return allows declarer to attack diamonds, assuring at least 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

### Harmony Moon

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Anyone can read subjects in agreement with their beliefs, but the wise and exceptionally intelligent grow their minds by spending time with ideas different from their own.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Love makes you fearless; love makes you free. If you feel afraid and caged-in, then you're either needlessly making love difficult or this thing is not really love.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your true friend is the person who knows you well enough to nudge you in a good direction, realize when you're on track and can also clearly see when you're off. Bonus points for tact!

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There is someone intent on impressing you, despite the fact (or maybe because of it) you are not so easily impressed. Your reluctance only makes this person try harder.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Today is like an overly complicated television remote control. Unless you know the right sequence of actions, you are unlikely to tune into the programming of your choice.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Honesty is generally the most efficient approach. It saves time and resources. It keeps people from putting stock in things that aren't going to pan out.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Today the sinner and the saint will not be two different people; rather, they will be two different behaviors from the same person. Much will depend on what you bring out in others.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'd follow your purpose even if it were unpopular. However, today, the expectations and opinions of others will align really well with your soul's best interest -- how

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 1, 18 and 40.



fortuitous!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Beware of the one who tries too hard to win your trust. People who are honest and true don't worry too much about convincing others of their trustworthiness.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Set goals of learning instead of performance. By learning, you will automatically become a more competent performer, whereas to perform well without learning produces a success that may be difficult to duplicate.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You deserve the same quality of attention you give others. When that boomerang doesn't come back, consider throwing it somewhere it won't get hung up in a tree.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Think about the thing just long enough to feel that you can act in good faith. If you keep thinking about it past a certain point, the options open up overwhelmingly, causing indecision and paralysis.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 31).** You know yourself. You're confident and disinclined to work too hard to please the powers that be, because you don't have to! You'll naturally give people something good to like, and they will be predisposed to generously support your ideas and efforts. Your eye is primed for beauty, and you'll create and attract so much of it. Aries and Scorpio adore you. Your

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** In medieval times, it was considered idyllic to uphold the values of solemnity, decorum and religious devotion for most of the year until the stretch of days known as the festum fatuorum, or the Feast of Fools, in which all bets were off and hedonism prevailed. The festival was sanctioned by the church,

as it was considered the necessary release that made orderliness possible for the rest of the year.

As the Gemini sun merges for an annual conjunction with Venus, just days before the Sagittarian full moon, expect a feeling of reckless abandon to take hold. Venus rules our fascinations and temptations. Gemini is the sign of trends and timeliness, of communicating in the vernacular of the moment. As this cosmic conjunction butts up against the strawberry moon, the implications are juicy sweet. Attractions will be supercharged. The Sagittarius full moon is wild, adventurous and fearless and packs an insatiable curiosity, a craving for strange experiences, a longing for all things foreign, novel and even taboo. Whether, like the Feast of Fools, this is enough excitement to keep souls in line for the rest of the year will remain to be seen.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Brooke Shields has enjoyed the lighter side of entertainment lately with starring roles in comedies like Jane the Virgin and "Las Pildoras De Mi Novio" (or "My Boyfriend's Meds.") The Gemini superstar, who's been a show business pro since infancy, is a Princeton graduate with the natal chart of a bright intellectual -- sun, moon, Venus and Jupiter all in the sign of quickwitted twins.

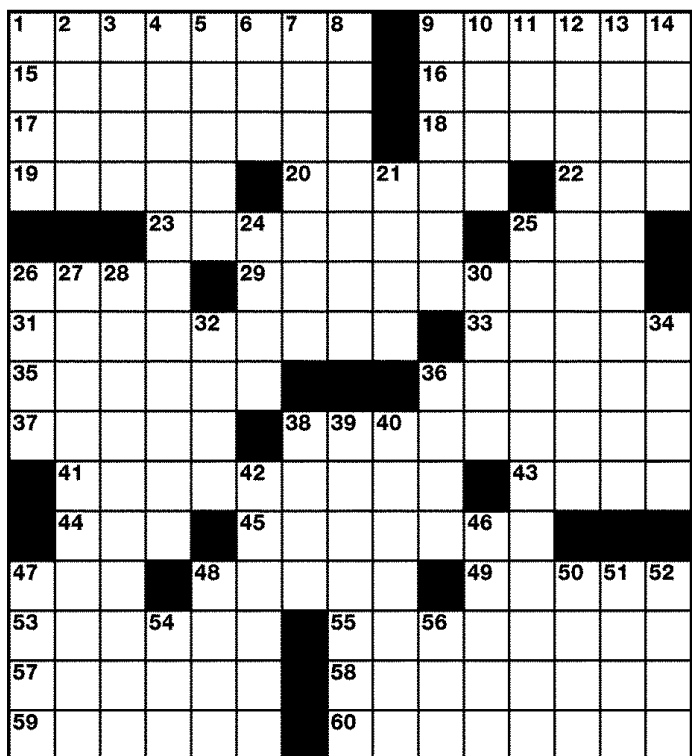
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## Newsday Crossword

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by Greg Johnson  
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|---|---|---|--|
| <b>ACROSS</b>   | <b>DOWN</b>   | <b>11</b> <i>Colore del mare</i>                                | <b>38</b> Cinecittà Studios home                 |
| <b>1</b> Flaky food-truck fare                          | <b>1</b> Hand ball                                  | <b>12</b> Aromatherapy extract                                  | <b>39</b> Mark of celebrity uniqueness           |
| <b>9</b> Site for funny eCards and videos               | <b>2</b> Swedish Food Market locale                 | <b>13</b> Being there   | <b>40</b> Striking suit of a sort                |
| <b>15</b> Recognition admission                         | <b>3</b> Kind of closure                            | <b>14</b> Take down   | <b>42</b> Stone related to "pomegranate"         |
| <b>16</b> Query to a draggy coworker                    | <b>4</b> Macon breakfast                            | <b>21</b> Alternative to Kit                                    | <b>46</b> Snowball's opposite                    |
| <b>17</b> Most remote from reputable                    | <b>5</b> Alternative to roasting bands              | <b>24</b> They're banned from Venice                            | <b>47</b> <i>Discours sur l'... de l'union</i>   |
| <b>18</b> Drives (out)                                  | <b>6</b> Word from a pro                            | <b>25</b> Brings together for convenience                       | <b>48</b> Sensible-sounding quote?               |
| <b>19</b> Green breeze                                  | <b>7</b> Valjean's adoptive daughter                | <b>26</b> Instapundit or Gawker                                 | <b>50</b> They're employed on Hornblower's ships |
| <b>20</b> Equestrian statue in Seville and Buenos Aires | <b>8</b> Proscribes                                 | <b>27</b> Annual event starting at South Orange Grove Boulevard | <b>51</b> Fruit                                  |
| <b>22</b> Gathered                                      | <b>9</b> Code expert                                | <b>28</b> Eight-Grammy soul singer                              | <b>52</b> Totes                                  |
| <b>23</b> Agave products                                | <b>10</b> Product name since 2001, inspired by 2001 | <b>30</b> Brief performance                                     | <b>54</b> Key carried by salesclerks             |
| <b>25</b> NL team since 1890                            |   | <b>32</b> Chip choice   | <b>56</b> Chinese collaborator on Google phones  |
| <b>26</b> Laugh loudly, say                             |   | <b>34</b> Nickname on the memoir <i>Moon Shot</i>               |  |
| <b>29</b> Out of alternatives                           |   | <b>36</b> Fervency  |  |
| <b>31</b> Smartphone shortcut                           |   |   |  |
| <b>33</b> Work with one's hands                         |   |   |  |
| <b>35</b> Underworld boss                               |   |   |  |
| <b>36</b> Homer   |   |   |  |
| <b>37</b> Endure punishment                             |   |   |  |
| <b>38</b> Rodeo entertainment                           |   |   |  |
| <b>41</b> South American extremity                      |   |   |  |
| <b>43</b> <i>The Sea-Wolf</i> adverb                    |   |   |  |
| <b>44</b> What your core covers                         |   |   |  |
| <b>45</b> Blissless                                     |   |   |  |
| <b>47</b> Disco   |   |   |  |
| <b>48</b> Use for a bent axle                           |   |   |  |
| <b>49</b> Flora + fauna                                 |   |   |  |
| <b>53</b> Shelter                                       |   |   |  |
| <b>55</b> In jeopardy                                   |   |   |  |



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MODERNANCE VAN  
EMILIO LIE GIGA  
CRUISELINE  
WEB TENSE ERA  
AVE PAT HALTER  
DETAILS MISSILE  
ENTITY HIS OLD  
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XRAY VISION  
HYMN AGA ROCKED  
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EMT KYOTO SPATE

## SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

<b>New Locations:</b> Howard County			
Ovintiv USA, Inc. 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Denver, CO 80202-0000 Chelsea Carpenter, Regulatory Analyst (720) 876-5176	#2 Jenkins "6", drill directional, field transfer, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40094 6.70 miles north of Big Spring A-1322, Section 6, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9400 feet Latitude 032.204496, Longitude -101.301138. Datum:	Perfs: 8115-15,314	
NAD 27	566' FNL, 1029' FWL of 81.17-acre lease 764' FSL, 1595' FEL of the survey SWR 36 (H2S)	#4441WA Flenderson, API #42-227-39981 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, re-completion, El:	8.10 miles northwest of Big Spring A-338, Section 41, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.
SM Energy Company 40162 6301 Holiday Hill Road Midland, TX 79707-0000 Lisa Hunt, Regulatory Analyst (432) 848-4833	#1746WA Schrote "B", drill horizontal, API #42-227- Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA 10.40 miles northwest of Big Spring A-574, Section 25, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey Total Depth: 10,500 feet X=719286, Y=254471. Datum: NAD 27 279' FSL, 1050' FEL of 723.87-acre lease 279' FSL, 1050' FEL of the survey	Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)	Latitude and Longitude: NA Total Depth: 7915 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma
Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 40695 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Reg. Specialist (281) 589-5200 NAD 83	#4AH Masters Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227- Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA 2.58 miles northwest of Big Spring A-314, Section 25, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 8500 feet Latitude 032.165236, Longitude -101.300719. Datum:	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2533' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey	Daily Potential: 1,516 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 2,413 Pumping. GOR: 612 Spud: 1-22-19. Completed: 12-06-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7353 feet w/ 600 sx.; MS tool @ 4630 feet w/ 960 sx. 5-1/2" @ 18,408 feet w/ 2,275 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7742 feet
Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 40696 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Reg. Specialist (281) 589-5200 NAD 83	#5AH Masters Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227- Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA 2.58 miles northwest of Big Spring A-314, Section 25, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 8500 feet Latitude 032.165179, Longitude -101.300702. Datum:	Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)	Daily Potential: 781 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 3,815 Pumping. GOR: 1034 Spud: 1-23-19. Completed: 1-21-20. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6946 feet w/ 495 sx.; MS tool @ 4816 feet w/ 950 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,979 feet w/ 2,240 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6833 feet
Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 40697 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Reg. Specialist (281) 589-5200 NAD 83	#8SH Masters Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227- Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA 2.58 miles northwest of Big Spring A-314, Section 25, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 8500 feet Latitude 032.165207, Longitude -101.300711. Datum:	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2533' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey	Daily Potential: 1,815 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 3,012 Pumping. GOR: 442 Spud: 1-25-19. Completed: 11-08-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7262 feet w/ 570 sx.; MS tool @ 4775 feet w/ 920 sx. 5-1/2" @ 18,303 feet w/ 2,265 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7797 feet
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. El: NA 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jessica DeMarce, Regulatory Analyst (918) 858-5264	#6SB Davis "36-5" (Allocation "F"), drill horizontal, Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40726 11.10 miles northeast of Big Spring A-192, Section 33, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1075223.7, Y=6839922.6. Datum: NAD 83 69' FSL, 1229' FEL of 1,275.4-acre lease 69' FSL, 1229' FEL of the survey	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2533' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4833 survey	Perfs: 7820-18,227
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. El: NA 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jessica DeMarce, Regulatory Analyst (918) 858-5264	#6SA Davis "36-5" (Allocation "F"), drill horizontal, Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40727 11.10 miles northeast of Big Spring A-192, Section 33, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1075272.4, Y=6839934.5. Datum: NAD 83 69' FSL, 1179' FEL of 1,275.4-acre lease 69' FSL, 1179' FEL of the survey	Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)	Daily Potential: 761 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 3,735 Pumping. GOR: 913 Spud: 1-25-19. Completed: 1-25-20. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6898 feet w/ 550 sx.; MS tool @ 4851 feet w/ 940 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,937 feet w/ 2,230 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6859 feet
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. El: NA 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jessica DeMarce, Regulatory Analyst (918) 858-5264	#6SS Davis "36-5" (Allocation "F"), drill horizontal, Spraberry (Trend Area) Field 11.10 miles northeast of Big Spring A-192, Section 33, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1075248.1, Y=6839928.6. Datum: NAD 83 69' FSL, 1204' FEL of 1,275.4-acre lease 69' FSL, 1204' FEL of the survey	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2558' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4855 survey	Perfs: 7650-17,868
<b>New Oil Completions:</b> Howard County Surge Operating, LLC 40218 78 50 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064-0000 (832) 333-2332	#2MHF Muse-Newton Unit "31-42", API #42-227- Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2718' GR 17.90 miles northwest of Big Spring A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey Latitude 032.500468, Longitude -101.558111 Total Depth: 6746 feet. PBTD: 6729 feet. Logs:	Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)	Daily Potential: 931 Bbls 41.0 gravity oil w/ 3,228 Pumping. GOR: 722 Spud: 3-04-19. Completed: 12-11-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6806 feet w/ 545 sx.; MS tool @ 4531 feet w/ 920 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,551 feet w/ 2,415 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6774 feet
Neutron Contractor not listed BWPD	Daily Potential: 245.6 Bbls 37.8 gravity oil w/ 2,923 Pumping. GOR: 683 Spud: 8-03-19. Completed: 12-20-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7100 feet w/ 550 sx. MS tool @ 4482 feet w/ 1,160 sx. 5-1/2" @ 14,375 feet w/ 1,900 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6126 feet Perfs: 7115-14,256	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road 2558' GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4855 survey	Perfs: 7842-17,478
Yates 1980' San Andres 3432' Clear Fork 5775' Spraberry 6252'	#2AH The Colonel "25-36", API #42-227-40060 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2637' GR 1 mile southwest of Vealmoor A-1251, Section 26, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co.	Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)	Daily Potential: 1,673 Bbls 41.0 gravity oil w/ 1,689 Pumping. GOR: 439 Spud: 3-03-19. Completed: 1-11-20. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7212 feet w/ 610 sx.; MS tool @ 4453 feet w/ 920 sx. 5-1/2" @ 18,040 feet w/ 2,465 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7211 feet
Sabalo Operating, LLC P.O. Box 2907 Corpus Christi, TX 78403-0000 (361) 888-7706 survey	Latitude 032.517167, Longitude -101.585694 Total Depth: 7775 feet. PBTD: 7775 feet. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD) Daily Potential: 919 Bbls 39.7 gravity oil w/ 1,546	BWPD Yates 1806' Seven Rivers 1916' San Andres 3354' Glorieta 3786' Clear Fork 4403' Leonard 5016' Spraberry 6335'	Perfs: 8334-17,966
Contractor not listed	Pumping. GOR: 446 Spud: 8-28-19. Completed: 12-18-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6831 feet w/ 466 sx.; MS tool @ 4516 feet w/ 5-1/2" @ 15,403 feet w/ 1,698 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7204 feet	BWPD Yates 1801' Seven Rivers 1918' San Andres 3332' Glorieta 3734' Clear Fork 4403' Leonard 4983' Spraberry 6339' Dean 7620' Wolfcamp 7720'	
Yates 1918' BWPD Seven Rivers 2023' San Andres 3418' Glorieta 4181' 950 sx. Clear Fork 4265'			

**CATTLE**

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**Grazing for wildlife**

While grazing and growing hay is a large source of income, wildlife is highly sought after through hunting and brings in a high revenue stream. The Johnsons have participated in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP) for more than 20 years. Their deer program is a low-fence operation with year-round protein feeders. Protein supplementation helps to assist nutrient requirements in effort to keep deer healthy, especially in the spring and early summer when higher protein allows larger antler growth. The MLDP plan includes recommendations on harvest rates by weight, sex and antler score.

"My philosophy is to keep the deer happy through proper management of their habitat and population through multiple survey methods that are given by their wildlife biologist," Joe said. "We only allow archery hunting of the white-tailed deer, axis deer and hogs."

For Joe, and many land managers though the United States, invasive species such as feral hogs and axis deer can be problematic and must be included in a management strategy. Feral hogs can destroy land while axis deer, left unmanaged, can over graze areas.

"I enjoy more than just the big wildlife like the deer and turkey," said Mackye. "I like the butterflies, birds, and pollinators that enjoy our wildflowers and other plants that keep the ranch diverse."

Joe said ranchers like himself continue to learn about the errors in the way they ranched in the past and have found ways to be successful.

"We wasted so much time years ago when we would spend more time drenching our sheep for worms in the spring and summer putting them back in the same pasture keeping the pest cycle going," Joe said. "After learning the correct way to manage my land, my grazing has changed because

I will always be understocked no matter how much it is raining because overgrazing can take years to get your land back to a healthy rangeland again."

A lifetime of learning

Joe has worn many hats throughout the years, including county commissioner. For the past 21 years, he has been a director for the McCulloch Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) where he represents his fellow agricultural producers and land managers.

"Over the years, I learned many things from getting it done right but I learn much more from doing

it wrong, so we now are righting our wrongs which is how most of us learn anyhow," explained Johnson. "I wish I had spent more time preparing my seedbed and had more diversity in my grass seed mixes to really restore our lands back to the grasslands of the 1700s."

"The best advice I can give is the old saying of 'bloom where you are planted' by seeking out people like the NRCS, AgriLife Extension, or ranchers in your area that know what will work for your area. Because what works 200 miles away might not work on your ranch," he added.

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