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Aquatic Center to open Tuesday at 75% capacity. New guidelines and restrictions in place.

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Grand jury hands down 23 indictments Murder, vehicle arson, sexual abuse among charges

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The 118th District Court's Grand Jury recently indicted 23 individuals on felony charges including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, murder, burglary of a building, arson of vehicle, and aggravated sexual assault/child.

The cases were presented to the Grand Jury and the indictments were issued on June 11. Those indicted were:

- Ashton Lou-Rissa Akin, 26, of 129 Jonesboro Rd., for abandonment/endanger child.
- Abelardo Aranda Arreola, Jr., 51, of 209 E. 4th Apt. #4, Del Rio, for robbery.
- Clint Brandon Bollier, Jr., 30, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30,000 (x5); unauthorized use of a vehicle (x2); burglary of a habitation.
- Victoria Hannabass, 31, currently

a resident of the Howard County Jail, for fraud use/possession of identifying info and burglary of a building.

- Christopher Isaiah Hinojos, 21, a resident of the Howard County Jail, for unauthorized use of vehicle (x2), and aggravated robbery.
- Bluford Allen Jones, 37, of 1601 Stadium, for arson of vehicle - insured.
- Miguel Enrique Juarez, 32, of 306 Denton, evading arrest/vehicle and unauthorized use of vehicle.
- Robert Dale Keneson, 43, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- Chance Ray Lang, 33, of 2515 March Circle, for unauthorized use of vehicle, evading arrest/vehicle, and aggravated assault with deadly weapon (x2).
- Elvis Eugene Lang, Jr., 20, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for aggravated assault with deadly weapon.
- Robert Ulysess Lee, 33, of 2005

Mosslake Road, for continuous sexual abuse/child.

- Javier Loredo, 29, of 1602 Hwy 176 #6, for possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams.
- Robert Adam Mata, 33, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for burglary of a building (x2).
- Tomi Jo McPherson, 23, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for evading arrest with vehicle and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- Jose Alfredo Melendez, 37, of 711 S. Aylesford, for driving while intoxicated third or more.
- Raul Mendez, Jr., 40, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for murder.
- David Grijalba Morales, Jr., 25, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for aggravated robbery (x2) and delivery of controlled

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Community Report: Full Moon over Big Spring Graduation 2020



Community Report/ Earl Permenter
 Before the Big Spring Class of 2020 arrived, a full moon rose over Memorial Stadium for a picture perfect night.

Special County Commissioner meeting called for Tuesday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioner Court called a special meeting for Tuesday, June 16 at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Third Floor Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

The special meeting will begin with a Citizen input segment, for those registered to make comments.

Judge Kathryn Wiseman will preside over the meeting and lead an executive/closed session regarding personnel consideration for JP-2 consideration. A closed meeting will be held on this matter pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

There will also be discussion regarding employee work related travel and possible action could be taken.

Juneteenth Celebration to take place in Morgan Park, community invited to attend

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Freedom is something to celebrate and an opportunity to unite. The Big Spring Community is invited to join together and attend the celebration for Juneteenth to be held at Morgan Park. The event will take place between 4 p.m. until midnight.

"Juneteenth is the celebration for the event of the Emancipation Proclamation that declared all enslaved persons in the Confederate states of America in rebellion and not in Union hands be set free," Jo Burciago, event organizer, said.

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln. The Proclamation was read to newly freed African Americans in Galveston, Texas by General Gordon Granger on June 19. Juneteenth is the oldest celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

Throughout the Juneteenth celebration there will be competitions for basketball and dominoes, along with activities

for the kids. Kids attending will be able to have their face painted and enjoy time in the bounce house, while listening to music provided by a live DJ. Double L BBQ will be on site with the food truck along with other food vendors. There will also be potato sack races, a dance contest and more.

"Due to the injustice and the racial events that have taken place over time and more so here recently, I feel now is the best time to unite as one," she said.

All the activities, with the exception of the food truck, will be free for the public to take part in. The Juneteenth Celebration has been an annual event that dates back to 1867.

"I would encourage the community to come out, stop being afraid to learn something they don't know about and open their minds, eyes, and hearts to learn some history," she said. "Come out and join us while having some fun playing in dominos, spade and basketball tournaments."

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Obituaries

Antonio "Tony" Hernandez Flores



Antonio "Tony" Hernandez Flores, 59, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2020, at his home, from a long illness.

Vigil Services will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2020, in the Rosewood Chapel of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2020, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Tony was born Jan. 25, 1961, in Big Spring, to Luis Flores Sr. and Erlinda Flores. He was a long time resident of Big Spring before moving to San Angelo.

Before becoming ill, he was employed by Pak-Quality Foods in San Angelo for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Teri Flores of San Angelo; sons, Kyle Flores of San Angelo, and David Flores and wife Mandy, of Pueblo, CO; Father, Luis Flores Sr. and wife Lupe, of Big Spring; brothers, brothers Luis Flores Jr and wife Velma, Johnny Flores and wife Elizabeth, all of Big Spring; half-brothers, Martin Flores and wife Tiara, of San Diego, CA, Luis

Flores, and Steven Uribe, both of Big Spring; sisters, Marie Sepulveda and husband Mike, of Tolleson, AZ, Alicia Leon and husband Gilbert, Mary Lou Yanez and husband Oscar, Rosie Torres, Lucy Chavarria and husband Andrew, Velia Ross and husband Ed, and Irma Cruz and husband Phillip, all of Big Spring; half-sisters, Mary Flores, Letty Flores, Rosa Alvarado and husband Lee, all of Big Spring; a special niece Diane Yanez, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Erlinda Flores; brother, Edward Flores; nephews, Jimmy Yanez and Michael Yanez; great niece, Adrianna Yanez; brother-in-law's, Ramon Torres, Chon Yanez, and Ray Leon; and sister-in-law, Irene Flores.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Hospice of San Angelo, the Shannon Clinic and Dr. Cheruku.

Pallbearers will be Luis Flores, Jr., Johnny Flores, R. J. Gonzales, Chon Gonzales, Chris Ross and Andrew Chavarria. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Yanez and Joshua Torres.

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

Paid Obituary

Alberto Robles



Alberto Robles, 66, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 11, 2020.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Alberto was born June 18, 1953, in Big Spring to Angelita and Juan Robles.

Alberto is survived by his wife of 36 years Lucy Robles of Big Spring; one son: Joseph Turner of Granite Falls, North

Carolina; one daughter: Jennifer Russell of Lenoir, North Carolina; nine siblings: Martina Espinoza, Ida Sanchez, Juan Robles, Rosalinda Yanez, Manuela De Los Santos, Joe Robles, Oscar Robles, and Irene Deleon, all of Big Spring; and Elida Fuentes of Odessa; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Alberto was preceded in death by two brothers; one sister; and three nephews.

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

Paid Obituary

Stephen Kendall "Ken" Sinclear



Stephen Kendall "Ken" Sinclear passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, in Temple, and returned home to his Father. Family visitation will be held on Sunday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at Taylor's Valley Baptist Church in Temple, and a memorial service will be held on Monday, June 15, at 2 p.m., also at Taylor's Valley Baptist Church.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1942, to Roy Lincoln Sinclear and Dorcas Nell Worden Sinclear. He was raised in Kerrville, Texas, where he met his life's love, Mary Margaret Baker. After growing up together and becoming high school sweethearts, they married on July 27, 1963, and together enjoyed 56 years of marriage. Ken graduated from the University of Texas and went on to work for the Veterans Administration Health

Care system for many years.

Ken was a devoted father to his two sons and was instrumental in the lives of many young people through his work in Little League baseball and many other activities. He was also a faithful Christian and served as a Deacon in the Baptist Church. He was active in many church activities and had numerous close friends at First Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas, and at Taylor's Valley Baptist Church in Temple.

Ken is survived by his wife, Mary Margaret; his son, Stuart, and his wife, Tara, and their two daughters Audrey and Hattie; and his son, Travis, and his wife, Julie, and their two daughters, Grace and Ella.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Taylor's Valley Baptist Church Building Fund.

Scanio-Harper Funeral Home Temple, TX is in charge of arrangements.

Online guestbook at www.scanioharperfuneral-home.com.

Paid Obituary

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of W. FM 700. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of E. 11th Place. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of NW 3rd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block

of State. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Abrams. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 11th Street and Scurry. 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 1200 block of Frazier. No transport was required.

Support Group

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

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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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ROBERT PAUL NEWTON**, 42, of 709 W. 7th Street, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 300 block S. Owens Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Johnson Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3100 block of S. Hwy 87.

Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.
- **AMY A BRISENO**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.
- **JUAN MANUEL CHAVEZ**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ROBERT PAUL NEWTON**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting.

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Wildfire potential increases this weekend across portions of Panhandle and West Texas

AMARILLO, Texas — Wildfire potential will increase this weekend and into the middle of next week across West Texas, including areas around Abilene, Childress, Lubbock and Amarillo.

A ridge of high pressure over Texas is producing hot and dry conditions and rapidly drying vegetation, including grass and brush across West Texas.

“The combination of underlying drought, dry vegetation, hot temperatures and dry air has increased the risk for wildfire occurrence for parts of West Texas and is forecast to persist into next week” said Luke Kanclerz, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Analyst. “Wind speed will also be highest in West Texas this weekend and into next week, which can increase the potential for wildfire spread”.

Portions of the Texas Panhandle region will experience critical fire weather conditions due to a combination of dry fuels, low relative humidity and breezy wind speeds Friday and Saturday. According to the National Weather Service in Amarillo, there is also lightning induced fire threat from any thunderstorms moving through the area.

Texas A&M Forest Service resources have responded to 18 requests for assistance on wildfires across the state that have burned 7,608 acres while local fire departments have responded to 20 wildfires for 271 acres since Tuesday, June 9.

Texas A&M Forest Service encourages vigilance and preventative measures against human-caused wildfires.

“During these critical fire weather conditions, it is extremely important to remain mindful of all outdoor activities,” said Karen Stafford, Texas

A&M Forest Service State Prevention Coordinator. “Any activity that can create a spark, can start a wildfire.”

Postpone outdoor burning until conditions improve and always check for burn restrictions.

Avoid parking and idling in tall, dry grass. Catalytic converters can get hot enough to ignite the grass under a vehicle.

Avoid setting hot chainsaws or other hot, gas-powered equipment in dry grass.

When pulling a trailer, attach safety chains securely; loose chains can drag on the pavement and cause sparks, igniting roadside fires.

If a wildfire is spotted, immediately contact local authorities. A quick response can help save lives and property.

Weather



Today: Sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Clear, with a low around 66. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 5 to 15 mph.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 95.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 95.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 97.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 97.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

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

Take Note

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting at Spanish Inn on Tuesday June 16 at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance.

The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts

and fellowship. For more information, contact Colonel. Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy

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Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

Something to think about...

By RICHARD SCHNEBERGER

“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.” ~ Galatians 5:14-15

I read about a children’s Sunday school class that was learning the Apostles Creed. In an attempt to help them learn this ancient confession of faith, the teacher gave each child a phrase they were to take home and memorize. The next Sunday as they gathered together the children lined up ready to say their part. The first child said, “I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.” The next one said, “I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord...” Then there was a long silence. Finally, one of the kids in the back piped up, “Teacher, the boy who believes in the Holy Spirit isn’t here today.” Something significant is missing in our world today, and I believe it is the presence of the Spirit manifest through the lives of Christ-followers.

This past Sunday was Pentecost. It began as a Jewish festival also called Shavuot or the Festival of Weeks, which was celebrated seven weeks or fifty days after the Passover. It was a time for the people to reflect on the covenant God made with all Israel. They brought in the first fruits of the harvest and were reminded of God’s loving faithfulness. Jewish tradition also recognized it as the day that Moses received the Law. However, for the followers of Jesus, it is the day that God poured out gift of the Spirit. In that moment, the church was born through a new covenant in Christ and the first fruits of a Kingdom harvest began.

I have been thinking a lot lately about the Law and the Spirit. There is a significant tension in our world right now about what is right and just. We all know that in a broken world laws are necessary. And where there are laws they will need to be enforced. We want equal rights and just laws. I think what many fail to recognize is that better laws and better law enforcement will not get us what we ultimately want.

The philosopher, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, once wrote: “The line separating good and evil passes

not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either -- but right through every human heart -- and through all human hearts.” The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart. A promise was given through the Prophet Ezekiel: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” ~ Ezekiel 36:26-27

The solution for our world is not new laws, but new hearts. We desperately need a church filled and motivated by the Spirit of Christ. We need to listen again to what Paul teaches in Galatians 5: “So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” ~ Galatians 5:16-25

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Alberto Robles, 66, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Sunday with a vigil service at 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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substance between four grams and 200 grams.

• **Eric Lee Olivas**, 17, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for attempted burglary of a habitation.

• **Theodore Rios**, 50, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for injury to a child and harassment of public servant.

• **Kieth Samuel Sanchez**, 18, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for aggravated sexual assault/child.

• **Michelle Renee Simmons**, 52, of 5706 RR 33, for arson of vehicle – insured.

• **Samantha Lynn Stepp**, 34, of 2714 Oasis Road,

for possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

• **Kevon Williams**, 18, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for aggravated robbery (x2).

Readers should remember that indictment is not evidence of guilt, and that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 432-263-7331 ext. 230, or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com.



To the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and Greg Henry, we want to say THANK Y'ALL from the bottom of our hearts!

Such an amazing surprise you have given us! The COVID-19 shutdown hurt us all, but we will make it! With our community showing support all across Big Spring, myself and all other small business owners have a little more hope every day.

Crossroads Saloon and our staff say THANK YOU!!!
Heather Bug Vaughan – Owner, Crossroads Saloon

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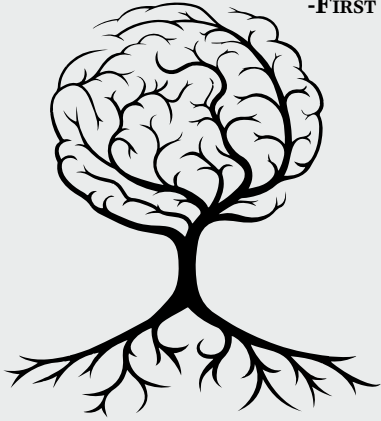
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Ice cream with West Texas flavors

“It’s hard to be mad when you’re enjoying an ice cream.”

Those words from JP Hearn of Midland apply to just about everybody. Ice cream soothes the savage beast within us all. No matter whether it’s summer or winter or whether you’re 80 or 8, ice cream takes the edge off and makes things smooth.

JP has an ice cream parlor called Fountainville, a one of a kind store, not a franchise. It’s a fountain of blessings to his customers.

“We make our ice cream from scratch and we kind of like to feature flavors that represent where we’re from. One of our top flavors is Tumbleweed. We do Black Gold, which is a black ice cream that has the flavor of local honey and graham cracker. Other flavors are Sand-

storm, Caliche, you know, really fun flavors that reflect where we’re from.”

Fountainville has 20 flavors of ice cream. Black Gold is the best seller.

“The color comes from coconut charcoal and the flavor, with that graham cracker and honey taste, is a twist on the flavor. That’s by far our number one seller. Some customers come in and it’s Black Gold or nothing. Sometimes we sell out and they’ll say that they’ll keep watching until we have it or they’ll call before they come. Fans can only go a week or so without ice cream.”

I prefer the Tumbleweed flavor.

“It’s got caramel and chocolate and toasted coconut. The color is kind of a toasted coconut color with some chocolate and caramel mixed in.”

JP went to culinary school and has a degree in pastries and desserts. He had an oil field catering business and took a big trailer to the oil patch so the workers

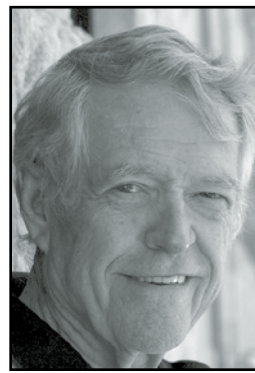
could go through a buffet inside. He opened Fountainville four years ago.

“People love ice cream and I thought West Texas needed its own ice cream. That’s how Fountainville came about. Of course we have a soda fountain from the 40s and have homemade soft drinks and other items. We make our own waffle cones. We serve our ice cream in cones and bowls in different sizes.”

He has made 50 tons of ice cream since opening and now has 2 locations.

“We just recently became a Go TEXAN certified ice cream shop, the only one in West Texas. We were selected because we use local ingredients and we make our own base and things like that. We love to represent West Texas with our ice cream.”

He’ll spend 6 hours getting a new batch ready. Ingredients include 30 gallons of milk, 21 gallons of heavy cream, 16 pounds of dry milk, 80 pounds of sugar, a gallon of corn syrup and a little bit of stabilizer to hold it all together. Special equipment heats and cools the mixture.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Saying Thank You

Dear Editor:

I’ve been wanting to write about this place in Midland. A long time ago I was in Midland Memorial and after about a week they sent me to this place to get better. At that time it was called Health South. I never cared about hospitals or places like one I remember when I got their I was nervous and didn’t want to be there. After about a week may thinking change where they were teaching me how to getting better so I could go home in better shape than I’ve ever was. This place has come to be my second home and family. It has changed it’s name to Encompass Health now.

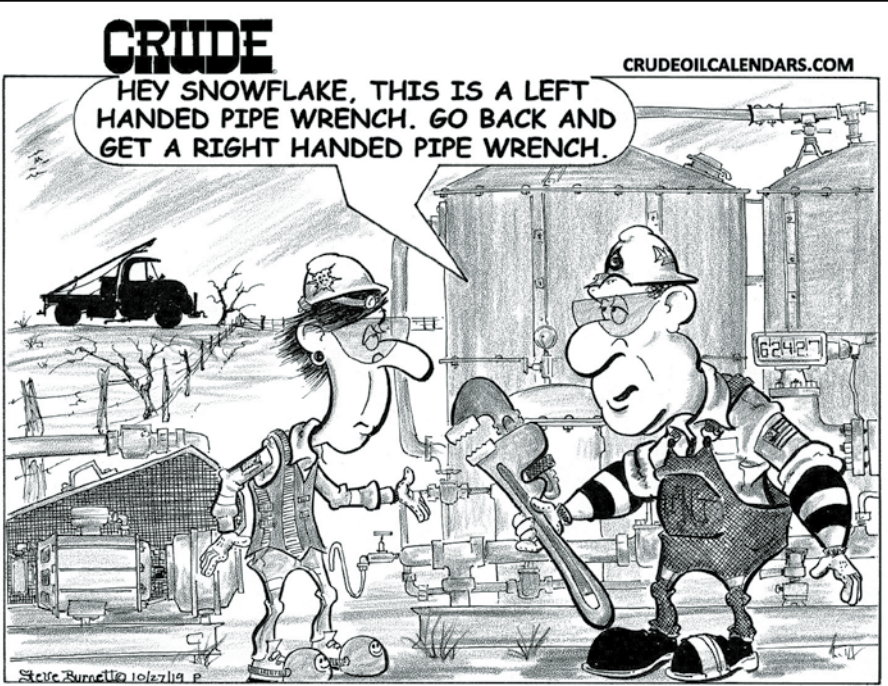
The staff and doctors and nurses have worked on me several times on thing wrong like Heart problems to broken bones. I’ve been to one here in Big Spring for 20 days and they didn’t do much for me. Encompass has some of the best equipment to work with some of the best rehab people I know and nurses and doctors anywhere I know of. I’ve left their and it never fails they fixed me. Everyone that works their has

the biggest heart I know of. That whole place was God sent to help people got back to normal living. I can’t say enough about this place of love everyone over their and I stay in contact with and I can’t tell you enough.

God bless you Encompass

George Coker

Big Spring



A Quiet Week in Lake

It is ironic that author/broadcasting legend Garrison Keillor’s mythical hometown of Lake Wobegon is only an hour’s “crow fly” journey from Minneapolis.

I saunter in where angels fear to tread—this needless mixing make believe with reality in the same paint can—but serious news folks do so all the time, so why not?

Once asked about Lake Wobegon’s exact “location,” Keillor maintained the place of his upbringing to be in “Stearns County, which is in Central Minnesota, some 66 miles from Minneapolis.” It’s not possible, of course, to “nail down” a town’s location which is viewed only in mind’s eye.

The reference to “irony” in the first paragraph concerns Keillor’s invariable opening to each week’s monolog. Surely you’ve heard it; many of us looked forward each week to Keillor’s 12-15 minute ramblings for 42 years. They always started with, “It’s been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon, my hometown, out there on the edge of the prairie.”

The king of storytellers put his microphone away some four years ago, but is it not ironic that Keillor’s inevitably “quiet weeks” would today have played out next door to ongoing riotous weeks of unrest in Minneapolis?

(My wife and I went to St. Paul twice to “see” Keillor’s weekly radio broadcast, which was heard over several hundred ra-

dio stations from the historic Fitzgerald Theater. Virtually without exception, “sold out” signs were posted during the show’s long run. Most remembered: Keillor’s pacing up and down the stage, weaving his captivating segment as if in relaxed session with friends around a campfire. He used no notes nor had promptings. Yet, his colorful words flowed beautifully, just as they do in his books.)

Prairie Home Companion’s usual venue was The Fitzgerald, St. Paul’s oldest active theater used mostly as a movie house during its 110-year history.

Ornate to the max, it seats a thousand folks, having undergone few changes except names. Not until 1994—perhaps about the same time Keillor’s radio show peaked—did the “Fitzgerald” name appear. It honors another literary giant from St. Paul, author/playwright F. Scott Fitzgerald, who wrote The Great Gatsby.

For those who wonder, Fitzgerald was named in memory of Francis Scott Key, who wrote “The Star-Spangled Banner,” but that’s a whole ‘nuther story. An admitted chaser of rabbits, I now meander down another path, perhaps the one less traveled.

Isn’t it interesting how advertising campaigns—some effective for decades—aren’t quite enough? (Please notice that I didn’t use the word “interestingly,” because most sentences with this beginning seldom are.)

Exhibits “A”—two are cited, but there are many more—in-



DON NEWBURY

clude JCPenney and Hertz Rent-A-Car. For decades, JCPenney claimed to be “fair and square,” and Hertz’ long-remembered slogan was, “We’re Number One!” (J C himself is remembered for opining, “I’m sure half of my advertising budget is misspent, but I’m not sure which half.”)

Whatever, bankruptcies have been declared by both JCPenney and Hertz, leaving one to wonder what Avis’ new ad campaign will be. For years, Avis-ranked number two—“had to try harder.” Assuming Avis now to be at the top, wonder how hard they’ll need to try?

Finally, this story about a man jostling around a Chicago airline terminal, his arm raised and both index and little fingers extended. Another man nearby said, “Hey, I want to meet you; one doesn’t run into another University of Texas alum in these parts every day.” The other guy said he didn’t go to UT, and had no allegiance there.

The UT alum asked why he hoisted the “hook-em horns” sign.

First guy: “Oh, I just thought this to be a clever way to let the world know I’m declaring Chapter Eleven.” He may have added additional verbiage, suggesting the avoidance of weeping over spilled milk, or attempting to force toothpaste back inside the tube—or not.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, we have great expectations for our life as we study and learn Your word. Amen

Check this out, at the library this week

There is still time to join us for Virtual Summer Reading Program-Imagine Your Story! Visit our website and click on the "Summer Reading June 1-Aug 5" section for more information. Enjoy stories on Tuesdays, tune in to view some great performers on Wednesdays, join us for Code Club on Thursdays and follow along with Kids Camp on Fridays. This week's performer is Carolina Storyteller, who is returning virtually to do two story times, one in English on Wednesday at 10 a.m. and one in Spanish on Thursday at 10 a.m. Also, come by the library to pick up weekly craft kits. Registration is ongoing throughout the summer, you can register online or in person, we also have paper reading logs and this year we also have an online reading log watch out for the link on our websites and Facebook. Visit us often on Facebook, YouTube and our websites to stay up to date on all our virtual events.



Sandra Verdin

This week's reviews are fiction titles.

Fifteen-year-old Ana Cancion never dreamed of moving to America in "Dominicana" (F CRU A) By Angie Cruz, the way the girls she grew up with in the Dominican countryside did. But when Juan Ruiz proposes and promises to take her to New York City, she has to say yes. It doesn't matter that he is twice her age, that there is no love between them. Their marriage is an opportunity for her entire close-knit family to eventually immigrate. So on New Year's Day, 1965, Ana leaves behind everything she knows and becomes Ana Ruiz, a wife confined to a cold six-floor walk-up in Washington Heights. Lonely and miserable, Ana hatches a reckless plan to escape. But at the bus terminal, she is stopped by Cesar, Juan's free-spirited younger brother, who convinces her to stay. As the Dominican Republic slides into political turmoil, Juan returns

to protect his family's assets, leaving Cesar to take care of Ana. Suddenly, Ana is free to take English lessons at a local church, lie on the beach at Coney Island, dance with Cesar at the Audubon Ballroom, and imagine the possibility of a different kind of life in America. When Juan returns, Ana must decide once again between her heart and her duty to her family.

Galaxy "Alex" Stern is the most unlikely member of Yale's freshman class in "Ninth House" (F BAR L) By Leigh Bardugo. Raised in the Los Angeles hinterlands by a hippie mom, Alex dropped out of school early and into a world of shady drug-dealer school friends, dead-end jobs, and much, much worse. In fact, by age twenty, she is the sole survivor of a horrific, unsolved multiple homicide. Some might say she's thrown her life away. But at her hospital bed, Alex is offered a second chance: to attend one of the world's most prestigious universities on a full ride. What's the catch, and why her? Still searching for answers, Alex arrives in New Haven tasked by her mysterious benefactors with monitoring the activities of Yale's secret societies. Their eight windowless "tombs" are the well-known haunts of the rich and powerful, from high-ranking politicians to Wall Street's biggest players. But their occult activities are more sinister and more extraordinary than any paranoid imagination might conceive. They tamper with forbidden magic. They raise the dead. And, sometimes, they prey on the living.

In the city of Houston, a sprawling, diverse microcosm of America, the son of a black mother and a Latino father is coming of age in "Lot Stories" (F WAS B) By Bryan Washington. He's working at his family's restaurant, weathering his brother's blows, resenting his older sister's absence and discovering himself. Around him, others live and

thrive and die in Houston's myriad neighborhoods: a young woman whose affair detonates across an apartment complex, a ragtag baseball team, a group of young hustlers, hurricane survivors, a local drug dealer who takes a Guatemalan teen under his wing. Lot Stories explores trust and love in all its unsparring and unsteady forms.

Keeping people at arm's length had worked well as a life strategy for Sam Schrock in "Stitches In Time" (F FIS S) By Suzanne Woods Fisher. Until he met Mollie Graber. Schoolteacher Mollie Graber has come to Stoney Ridge for a fresh start. Aware of how fleeting and fragile life is, she wants to live it boldly and bravely. When Luke Schrock, new to his role as deacon, asks the church to take in foster girls from a group home, she's the first to raise her hand. The power of love, she believes, can pick up the dropped stitches in a child's heart and knit them back together. Mollie envisions sleepovers and pillow fights. What she gets are sleepless nights and police at her door. There's only one thing that breaks through the girls' hard shells - an interest in horses. Reluctantly and skeptically, horse trainer Sam Schrock gets drawn into Mollie's chaotic life and unexpected love.

"Read a book, and broaden your perspective on life." Marcia Carrington

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Social Security Matters Ask Rusty - When Should We Claim Our Benefits?

Dear Rusty: We served overseas for several years, not earning many quarters for Social Security. However, we have made sure that we paid in over time so we can receive a benefit, but it will not amount to much. For the past several years now, we have been back in the US, earning some professional salaries. Now it looks like at full retirement age my husband will get \$1147/month, and I will get \$1026/ month. I was born in 1957 and my husband in 1956. Question #1: For the most financial benefit, when should we each start collecting SS (either now or at full retirement age)? And question #2: Will our amounts change because we are married and both collecting? Signed: Overseas Worker

Dear Overseas Worker: To answer your second question first, no, your benefit amounts will not change because you are married and both collecting. Based upon the numbers you provided, neither of you will be eligible for a "spousal boost" from the other because your benefit amounts at your FRA are too similar, so maximizing your individual benefits should be your goal.

As for your other question, when you should start collecting depends upon a number of factors, including your financial needs and, importantly, your expected longevity. Both of you can get the maximum benefit available to you by waiting until you are 70 years old to claim, but that only makes sense if you are in good health and expect at least average longevity (about 84 for a man and 87 for a woman).

If you claim benefits before you reach your full retirement age (66 1/2 for you and 66 plus 4 months for your husband), those benefits will be cut. If you collect now, your benefit would be cut by about 27% and your husband's by about 22% (based upon your respective years of birth). Further, if you claim before your full retirement ages and continue to work, you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings test, which limits the amount you can earn before they take back some of your benefits (the 2020 earnings limit is \$18,240; if you exceed that they'll take back half of anything you earn over the limit). The earnings limit changes annually but goes away at your FRA.

At your full retirement ages, you'll be entitled to 100% of the benefits you've earned from your lifetime of working (approximately the amounts estimated now). If you can and do wait beyond your full retirement age (FRA), for each month you delay you'll earn delayed retirement credits of 2/3 of 1% per month of delay (8% per year of delay), up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. As a point of information, if you wait until your full retirement age to claim, you will have collected the same amount of money at age 78 as if you had claimed at age 62; and if you wait until age 70 to claim you'll have collected the same amount of money at age 82 as if you had collected at your full retirement age. If you live at least until "average" longevity, you'll collect more in cumulative Social Security benefits by waiting.

So, when should you claim? If you're still working and earning "professional salaries", then waiting at least until your full retirement age would be a wise choice. If you expect at least average longevity and don't need the money right away, waiting until age 70 would be a prudent strategy. But if you don't work and expect less than average longevity, then claiming at any time you need the money would be a reasonable decision. This is a choice only each of you can make.

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Big Spring Little League baseball set to take field at beginning of next week

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Sports are finally coming back. No, it is not the Dallas Mavericks, Texas Rangers or Houston Astros resuming or beginning their season. No, it is not the Big Spring Steers or Lady Steers finally getting back on the field and court. It is not Coahoma or Forsan either.

What local sports are coming back then?

The Big Spring Little League that is who. The local youth baseball league will be playing their first games of the regular season next Monday. After delaying and pushing their season back a few months, young baseball players from around Howard County will finally get to return to the diamond and play the game they have grown to love.

"We held on to hope the entire time that we were going to get to play," League President Bryan Kligora said. "We never canceled for that very reason. We expected when summer came around that most of this would blow over and we would at least be able to get the kids 10-12 baseball games."

The normal Little League season would have already ended but that does not mean the young players that had signed up way back in the early Spring are not still excited to be back playing a great sport with their friends. Another plus for the players is that while the season is usually played during the school year, it will now be played while they are out of school and able to enjoy all of their free time.

"Baseball is a different sport," Kligora said. "It's America's pastime. Everybody loves baseball and for these kids just the thought of them not being able to play this year hurt quite a few of them. I'm just glad we're able to give them the opportunity to play."

There will be 24 total teams with the age groups ranging all the way from three-year olds to 16-year olds. The league usually plays their games from



Courtesy Photo

Sports are finally set to get back to play next week when Little League baseball players make their return to the diamond.

March through July, but this year's season will be slightly different and shortened in response to COVID-19. Instead of the season stretching from three-to-four months, the 2020 Little League season will end on July 31. That means there will be a lot of games, and a lot of baseball, to be played in the short span of a month-and-a-half.

Restrictions on the league and attendees will not be too strict with the continuously loosened rules coming down from the local and state governments. Most of the changes will be focused on on-field factors but parents and fans in attendance are still expected to follow the current social distancing guidelines.

"We will be sanitizing the equipment in between each use," Kligora said. "We'll have to sanitize the dugouts after each game. There will be no interaction with the other team so there won't be any handshakes after the game. There's no plate meetings. The pregame plate meeting between the coaches and the umpires will be done from a distance. Other than that, it's just going to be baseball as usual."

All games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during the week all the way up until July 31. There will be no games on July 2 or July 3 because of Fourth of July weekend and that will provide a much-needed break after a busy 3.5 weeks of baseball.

Each of the games will be played at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and everyone involved with Big Spring Little League will be thrilled to see a solid turnout for the young players. With no other sports currently being played at any level, now would be a good time to come and check out the future stars of Howard County athletics.

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Big Spring Football holds 2nd Annual Youth Football Camp



HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran

The Big Spring Steers football program just completed their three-day Youth Football Camp that was held at Memorial Stadium this past week. Pictured above is Coach Rhett Chaney (center, black shirt) directing the players through an end-of-camp scrimmage. Drills were run by the Big Spring coaching staff and some ex-players such as Abel Clark, Jeremiah Cooley and Zephaniah Nelson. The young players spent the three days learning the fundamentals of the game and the future looks bright for the black and gold.

Lady Steers Volleyball announces 2020 schedule changes

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

After releasing their 2020 schedule last week, the Big Spring Lady Steers had a few changes to announce to their schedule this fall.

All of the changes involve district match-ups so there will be no major shake-ups with the schedule. There will, however, be a switch of venues for a handful of games that could switch the momentum of the Lady Steers season depending on where they are as a team once the district schedule rolls around.

On Sep. 26, the Lady Steers were originally scheduled to host the Estacado Lady Matadors inside the Steer Gym. Now, that contest's venue has been changed and the match will take place at Estacado High School in North Lubbock.

That also means that the second meeting between these district rivals will be switched from its original location - Estacado High School - to Big Spring High School on Oct. 13. The Lady Mata-

dors won their one meeting against Big Spring last year at home in a very close battle.

The next change to the schedule is the switching of home team for the Lake View match-up on Sep. 29 and Oct. 17. Big Spring will now host the Maidens in September and will take the hour drive southeast to Lake View High School in October.

The last of the changes will be most important to the older players on the team. The two games against Sweetwater have changed venue also and the Lady Steers will play at the Lady Mustangs home on Oct. 10 and will host them for Senior Night in the last regular season game on Oct. 27.

Senior Night was originally scheduled to be played against Levelland but these schedule adjustments have changed those plans for the 2020 season.

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2020 Walter Camp Preseason Football All-Americans

First Team Offense			
Position	Player	Class	Team
QB	Trevor Lawrence	JR	Clemson
RB	Chuba Hubbard	JR (RS)	Oklahoma State
RB	Travis Etienne	SR	Clemson
WR	Ja'Marr Chase	JR	LSU
WR	Devonta Smith	SR	Alabama
TE	Kyle Pitts	JR	Florida
OL	Penei Sewell	JR	Oregon
OL	Cole Van Lanen	SR	Wisconsin
OL	Samuel Cosmi	JR	Texas
OL	Creed Humphrey	JR (RS)	Oklahoma
OL	Wyatt Davis	SR	Ohio State
PK	Keith Duncan	SR	Iowa

First Team Defense			
Position	Player	Class	Team
DL	Kayvon Thibodeaux	SO	Oregon
DL	Gregory Rousseau	SO (RS)	Miami
DL	Marvin Wilson	SR	Florida State
DL	Jaylen Twyman	JR (RS)	Pittsburgh
LB	Micah Parsons	JR	Penn State
LB	Camilo Martindale Jr.	SR (RS)	Oregon State
LB	Carlton Martial	JR	Troy
DB	Shaun Jolly	JR	Appalachian State
DB	Jevon Holland	JR	Oregon
DB	Elijah Molden	SR	Washington
DB	Derek Stingley Jr.	SO	LSU
P	Max Duffy	SR	Kentucky
KR	Rondale Moore	JR	Purdue

Second Team Offense			
Position	Player	Class	Team
QB	Justin Fields	JR	Ohio State
RB	Jaret Patterson	JR	Buffalo
RB	Najee Harris	SR	Alabama
WR	Tylan Wallace	SR	Oklahoma State
WR	Rashawn Slater	JR	Minnesota
TE	Pat Freiermuth	JR	Penn State
OL	Alex Leatherwood	SR	Alabama
OL	Walker Little	SR	Stanford
OL	Trey Smith	SR	Tennessee
OL	Rashawn Slater	SR	Northwestern
OL	Nolan Laufenberg	JR	Air Force
PK	Matt Trickett	JR	Kent State

Second Team Defense			
Position	Player	Class	Team
DL	Chris Rumph II	JR (RS)	Duke
DL	Levi Onwuzurike	SR	Washington
DL	Carlos Basham Jr.	SR (RS)	Wake Forest
DL	Quincy Roche	SR (RS)	Miami
LB	Nick Bolton	JR	Missouri
LB	Dylan Moses	JR (RS)	Alabama
LB	Paddy Fisher	SR	Northwestern
DB	Paulson Adebo	SR	Stanford
DB	Patrick Surtain II	JR	Alabama
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I DON'T KNOW WHY YOUR DAD DOESN'T LIKE ME! JUST ONCE, I WISH HE'D GIVE ME A BREAK!

HE'S OFTEN SAID THAT HE'D LIKE TO!

Gulp!

I SAW ARCHIE'S CAR PARKED OUTSIDE! WHAT TROUBLE HAS HE CAUSED TODAY?

DADDY, YOU DON'T GIVE ARCHIE A CHANCE!

DID ARCHIE CREATE THIS DAMAGE?

NO, DADDY, THE MAID KNOCKED IT OVER! IT'LL BE REPAIRED!

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NO, DADDY, THAT'S MY PROJECT! I WAS ORGANIZING THE CLOSETS!

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DON'T YOU REMEMBER? YOU SENT IT OUT TO BE REFRAMED!

LOOK, DADDY! HE'S JUST BEEN SITTING QUIETLY, WATCHING TV ALL AFTERNOON!

OH! LAZY, EH?

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MOMMA

BY MELL LAZARUS

FRANCIS, PICK US OUT A REALLY GOOD TURKEY FOR OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER!

OKAY, MOMMA! I SEE SOME BEAUTIES!

THANKS, FRANCIS. YOU'RE BRILLIANT!

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Agnes
by TONY COCHRAN

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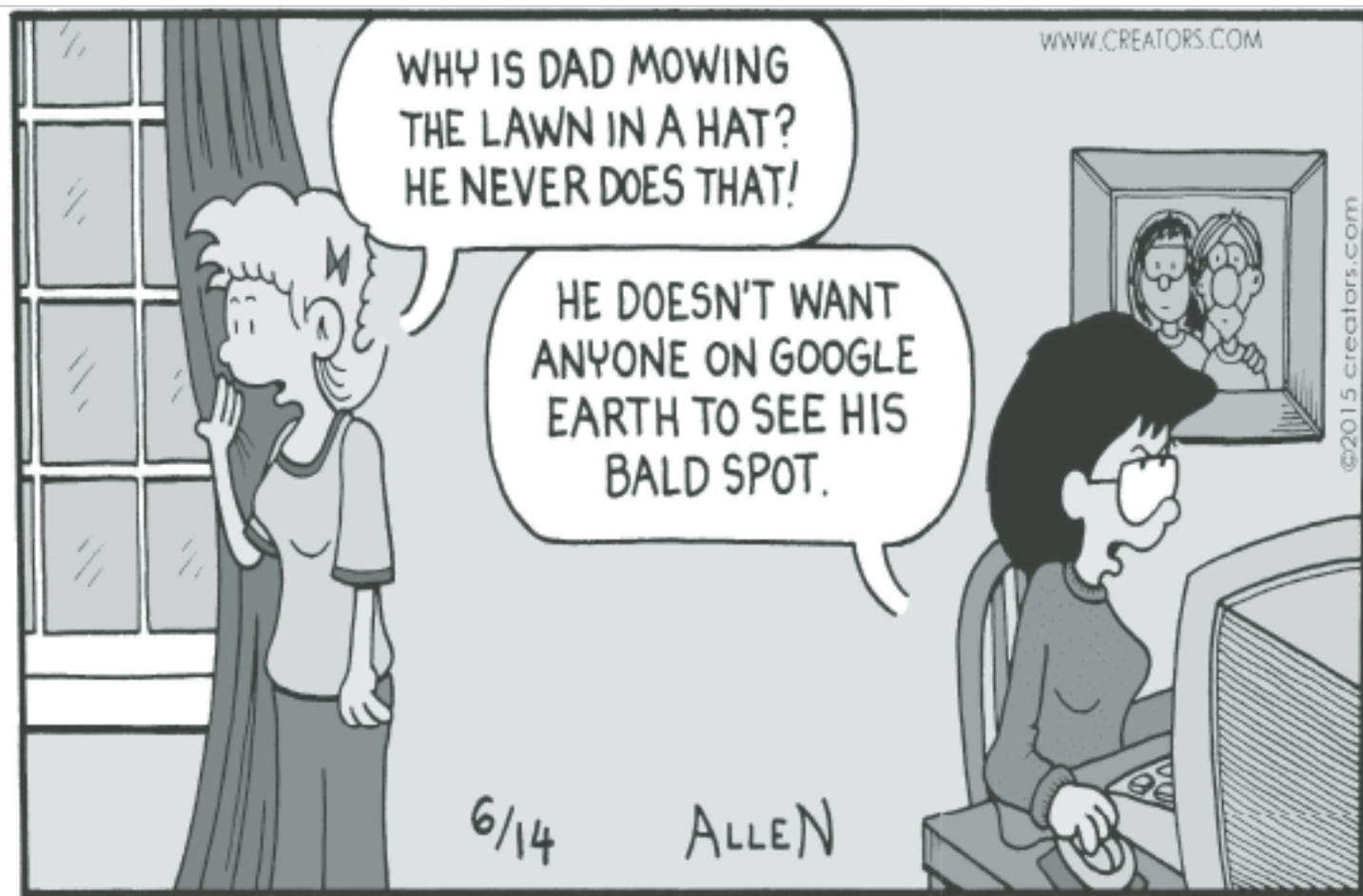
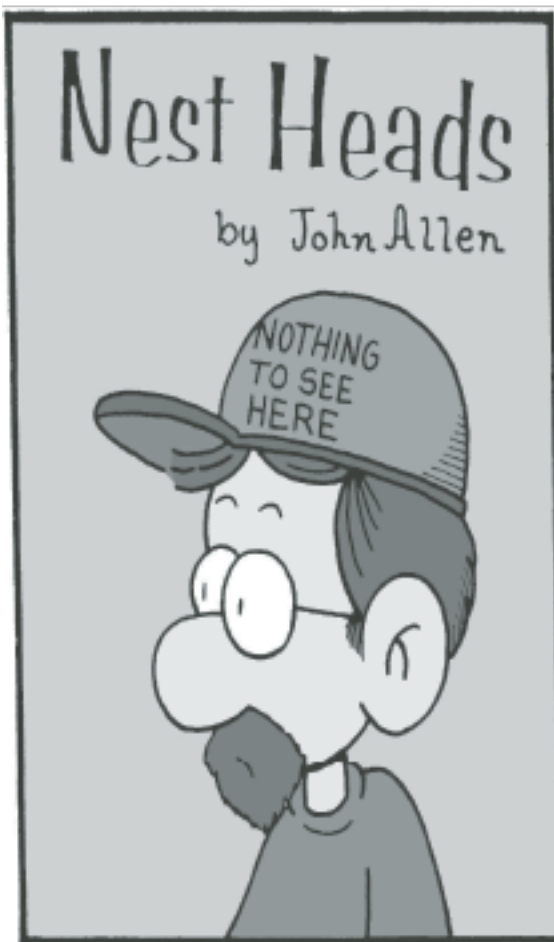
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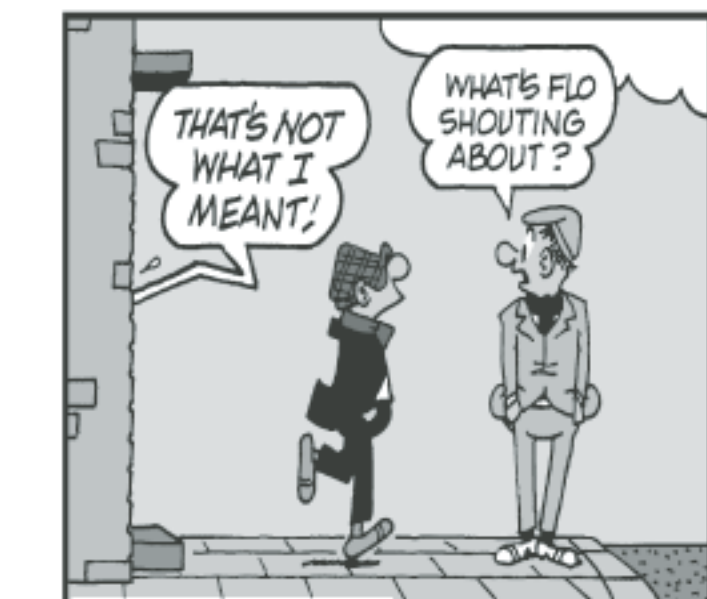
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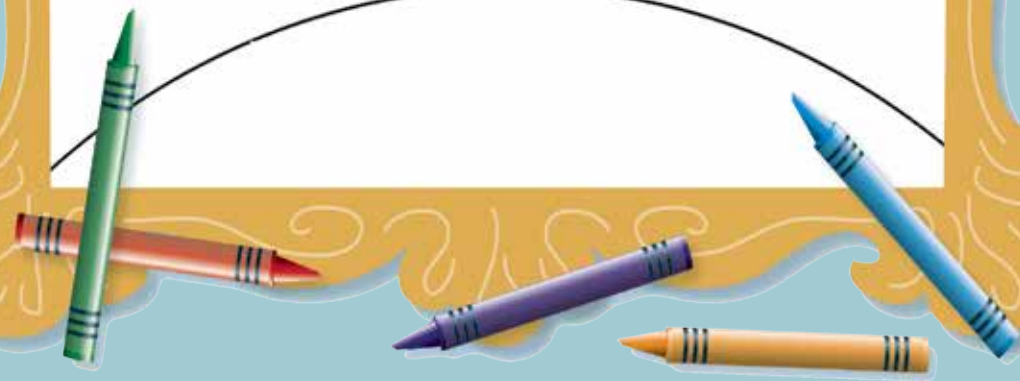
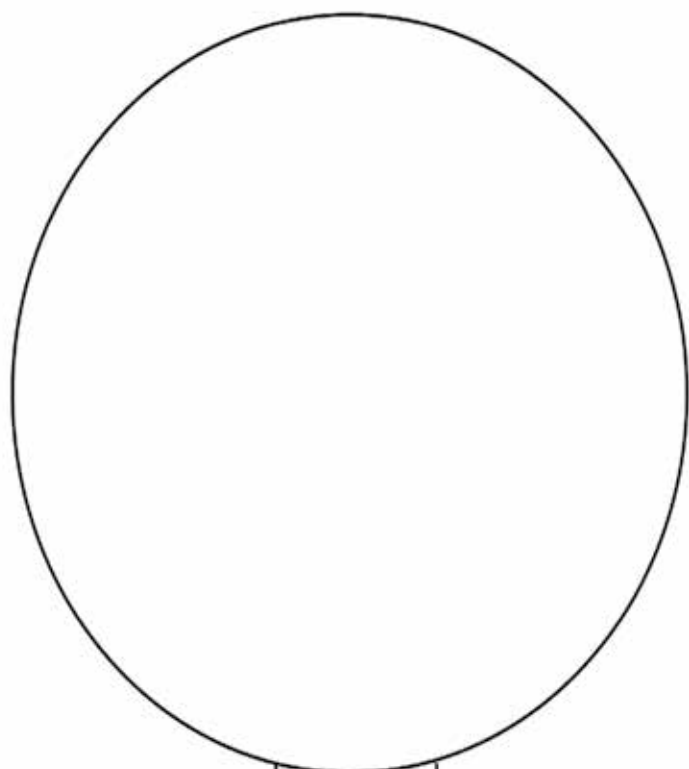


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With a swing and silence, PGA Tour gets back to business

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer
 FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The start was even more quiet than usual for a Thursday morning on the PGA Tour, only the silence never left over the next 12 hours as golf was back to business at the Charles Schwab Challenge.

Sung Kang made a hole-in-one on the 13th hole and didn't realize it until he was 50 yards from the green.

"I'm like, 'Wow, it's in the hole.' It wasn't really crazy. Nobody was really up there, only a few people out there just clapping a little bit," Kang said. "I still appreciated it, though."

Phil Mickelson made a birdie and instinctively pinched the brim of his cap to acknowledge a crowd that wasn't there.

Ryan Palmer, a Colonial member who raised money for COVID-19 relief efforts during the shutdown, was chosen to hit the first official shot on the PGA Tour in three months. Those gathered around the first tee could barely hear him announced. The starter was wearing a mask, and his voice competed with the hum of a generator behind the ninth green.

Quiet as it was, Colonial came to a standstill at 8:46 a.m. when everyone on the course honored a moment of silence for the death of George Floyd and the outrage it has sparked worldwide on racial injustice.

It was a most unusual round of golf. But it was golf.

"I think just being out here is successful, to be honest with you, getting started," Palmer said. "I don't see anything holding us back moving forward. I think today was the biggest day, just getting this first day off. People are going to watch golf back home and be interested to watch it tomorrow, and that's a great thing."

Justin Rose and Harold Varner shared the lead at 7-under 63, with Justin Thomas among those a stroke back. Tom Lehman, a 61-year-old former champion at Colonial, got in on the act with a 65.

Conditions were ripe for good scores with no

cheers.

"It kind of feels like a competitive practice round," said Rose, who won at Colonial two years ago. "But obviously, I think we all know what's on the line. We all know what we're playing for. We all know the competition this week especially, the field is incredible. Obviously, we miss the fans. They definitely provide a ton of energy and atmosphere."

Golf is the second major sport in the U.S., behind motor sports, to resume a schedule shut down by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the safety measures are coronavirus tests for every player, caddie and essential personnel. Of the 487 tests at Colonial, the results were all negative.

"We're all taking risks playing golf, obviously," Palmer said. "Being back out here, everybody leaves the club, they're going out to dinner and doing things, so everybody is taking that risk to be here. Everybody is pretty confident that we're going to all be safe. I think everything has been done the right way."

The top three players in the world — Rory McIlroy (68), Jon Rahm (69) and Brooks Koepka (68) — played in the same group, and they had the largest following late in the afternoon. There were 14 people outside the ropes behind the 10th green — six involved in the broadcast (radio and TV), four writers, two photographers, one coach and one trainer.

The telecast began with an apology. Right when Golf Channel came on the air, Rahm chipped in for birdie on the par-3 eighth and someone — it could have been inside or outside the ropes — was heard to say, "Pretty (expletive) good, there."

"Well, we were hoping for better audio with no fans," CBS anchor Jim Nantz said.

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan gave the opening group a thumbs-up after the players hit their drives, and he returned to the tee box alone at 8:46 a.m.

That starting time was listed on the tee sheet without any players. The tour is keeping that empty all four rounds for a moment of silence. It's a tribute to Floyd, who was handcuffed while a white police officer pressed his knee to the back of the black

man's neck for 8 minutes, 46 seconds. Floyd died after pleading for air.

Varner is one of four players of black heritage with full PGA Tour status, and he delivered the strongest words last week in a social media post. He also sat down with Monahan for a 10-minute video on what golf can do.

And then he found himself atop the leaderboard with a round so clean he putted for birdie on every hole.

"If I'm thinking about winning a golf tournament right now, I've probably lost it," Varner said. "Yeah, I know what's going on, but when I'm on the golf course, I'm trying to play well. The reason I have a platform is because I'm really good at golf. I just need to focus on that."

For so long, the only sounds came from the click of contact with the golf ball, the squeak of brakes on carts belonging to broadcast crews, course workers and rules official. And then came a strange noise — cheering.

A house behind the 16th tee set up a grandstand, while another home erected at two-story hospitality tent with views of a small section of the 15th fairway. They chanted names of players and let out a few roars. Behind the second tee, a few fans watched from behind a chain fence along a public road.

Jordan Spieth, who opened with a 65, was reminded of what to expect before he did a shot.

"I was pulling in when Mickelson was on 4 tee, and when I didn't see anybody there — and it was a tournament round day, it wasn't a practice round day — I'm like, 'This is certainly weird,'" Spieth said. "I'm just really happy to be playing golf and being able to be competitive again and to be able to finish our season."

It was only one round. Fans will be kept away from the first five tournaments as the tour takes a conservative return to golf, hopeful of no setbacks in the sport from a spike in the new coronavirus.

Monahan, asked Thursday morning what would constitute a successful tournament, said, "Getting to next week."

NFL to spend \$250 million on social justice initiatives

By **BARRY WILNER**

The NFL is committing \$250 million over 10 years to social justice initiatives, targeting what it calls "systemic racism" and supporting "the battle against the ongoing and historic injustices faced by African Americans."

The league, which has raised \$44 million in donations through its Inspire Change program, announced the additional \$206 million commitment Thursday. It plans to "work collaboratively with NFL players to support programs to address criminal

justice reform, police reforms, and economic and educational advancement."

Less than a week ago, Commissioner Roger Goodell denounced racism in a video prompted greatly by a players' video seeking NFL action.

"I am listening, and I will be reaching out to players who have raised their voices and others on how we can improve and go forward for a better and more united NFL family," he said.

The players want to see definitive

action, of course. There has been increasing distrust of the NFL since San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick and others began kneeling during the national anthem in 2016 to protest social injustice and police brutality. The message was misconstrued by the league and many team owners as anti-military and anti-flag. Goodell admitted as much in his video, though never mentioning Kaepernick, who has not found an NFL job the last three seasons.

That distrust was expressed

Wednesday by 49ers star cornerback Richard Sherman.

"They've tried their best to throw money behind it for a long time," he said. "It takes more than that. It takes you literally calling out bigotry and being motivated. It's not just pleading. It's being consistent year in and year out that you're combating this issue and that this is a problem that needs to change. And it's not just this year, not just 2016, not just 2017, but 'Black Lives Matter.' They have to matter forever."

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MAKING MEMORIES AT MEMORIAL STADIUM



A parade through town; graduation under the lights, and family gathered around - a miracle in the making. The Class of 2020 experienced a Senior year unlike any other. While their senior year may have been cut short and the typical senior moments didn't take place, the stories they will be able to share later and the memories they were able to make are priceless. Last weekend, the Big Spring High School Class of 2020 gathered together in a unique way and celebrated the milestone for more than 220 seniors. Congratulations to all; the world is yours to make a difference.



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Photo submitted by Anna Osborne.



While the year may not have turned out like the Class of 2020 had planned, there were still memories to be made. Seniors were able to gather together with their friends and classmates one last time, enjoy receiving that hard earned diploma and close the high school chapter of their lives. Pictured above: Rachel Nd Val Torres. Left: Photo submitted by Angelica Esparza; Right: Photo submitted by April Arms.



Proud parents recognized their seniors by sending in their photos to be shared with the Big Spring Herald readers. Left: Photo submitted by Julie Garcia. Above: Photo submitted by LaDonna Burchett; Right: photo submitted by Honey Joy.



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Love Hate Relationship

By **JUDY TERELETSKY**

Howard SWCD District Clerk

Although the legendary swallows which return to the Mission San Juan Capistrano in California each year are cliff swallows, we are lucky to have the return of Barn Swallows here in Big Spring. "Lucky!" Some may disagree if they are in the flight path or their front door is the nesting area for these fast flying birds. Yes, there is a love hate relationship with these dive bombers.

Originally these birds nested in caves or on cliffs (like the Cliff Swallow of Capistrano) but Barn Swallows have adapted to nesting near people. Often their mud nests are in barns, garages, or a protected ledge right above a front door. A Barn Swallow nest above the door is a sign of good luck. However, they can be viewed as a nuisance as they keep their nest tidy by dropping waste over the side onto your welcome mat below. Their construction methods might also be sloppy. Their basic building material is mud. They prefer to build under some sort of overhang that provides protection from the sun and the rain. The nest is a cup of mud pellets lined with grass and feathers and the only time you might see a Barn Swallow on the ground is when they are gathering their nesting materials. Their cousin the Cliff Swallow create a bag shape nest on the side of structures. Peak nesting usually occurs in April and May in Texas with both the male and female quickly creating the nest. Some people swear the nests appear overnight!

Barn Swallows often return to the same nest the next year cleaning out the old nest and making repairs. The female lays 3 to 8 eggs about one to three days after the nest is done. The eggs hatch in about 16 days and the young can soon be seen peeking over the edge. Barn Swallows eat and feed their young flying insects they catch as they swoop through the air. They often follow cattle herds, farm implements, humans walking through grass or working on the lawns because all stir up insects that the swallows love. Flies of all types make up most of the Barn Swallow's diet along with beetles, wasps, flying ants or termites, moths, butterflies and of course the mosquito. In my opinion they



Courtesy photo/ Judy Tereletsky
Barn Swallows nesting by the USDA Office.

can have all the mosquitoes and flies they want! According to the Bird Note Organization a Barn Swallow can consume 60 insects per hour or a whopping 850 a day. The male and female might have two broods a season taking turns feeding and then teaching the young how to catch insects in flight. In August the swallows will begin to migrate south to Central and South America.

Removing the nest during the winter will not keep the swallows from returning. Some people knock down the nests before the swallows have completed them in the spring however this has to be done before their eggs are laid because once their eggs are laid it is illegal to interfere during the nesting cycle. One trick is to hang something shiny and mobile in places you don't wish for the swallows to nest. You can encourage the swallows to nest in certain areas by putting up an artificial nest which can be purchased online or if you are handy create one with the help of YouTube tutorials. If you are lucky enough to have a barn swallow eating flies and mosquitoes in your area, please remember they move on every year so share the out of doors.

Sharing the outdoors with the creatures of the sky also includes the farmer or rancher in this love hate relationship. Most farmers are aware of raptors scanning for prey as they soar, hunting from a perch or following in the wake of the tractor to scoop up pest rodents and insects that are disturbed. One might wonder why woodpeckers and other songbirds are present in their walnut and apple orchards (studies show a reduction by birds of 41-97% of codling moth), why sparrows and other songbirds are in their alfalfa fields (the birds reduce alfalfa weevils by 33%), and if those aerial insectivores above the farm—the Barn Swallows—are eating crop pest insects (pests can be 18% of their diet). There are tools now that use DNA analyses and statistical models to make more sense of how beneficial some birds can be. Compelling on-farm research done over the years has reported 220 bird species in North America consuming agricultural farm pests, which makes a great case for why farmers should take a second look at birds flying by and encourage them to stop and feed on crop pests.(1) Of course, the farmer has the love hate relationship of pest control versus the birds eating the crops they are helping to protect from insects and rodents. The agricultural producers can provide support for birds in the form of artificial nesting, perches or platforms, clean water, annual sunflowers or sorghum and cover such as brush piles like the ones favored by quail for protection. Just as the Barn Swallows and other creatures have adapted over time to the changing environment, the farmers and ranchers adapt their practices to conserve the natural resources of our world.

The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: *Training your dog*

By **MELANIE GAMBRELL**

Pet Care Specialist

Heel, Sit, Down and Come are some basic commands your dog should be aware of and do! Over the vast many years when I'm out with my dogs, either at my shop, doing my Pet Therapy at the VA Hospital or nursing homes, or having them just in the car, people will always say, "I WANT A DOG JUST LIKE YOURS"!!! Sadly, I will have to explain that my dogs don't just come behaved or trained, that it's hours of spending time with them and doing the work that it takes to make them the dogs you see before you.

This will be a series on training an awesome dog, what you'll need to do to start, how to pass a CGC (Canine Good Citizenship) or how to train a Therapy Dog (Delta Society).

When I first start my training it always begins with Crate Training! I'm always surprised at the reaction from people when suggesting that they do this with their dogs. Usually their first comment is, "that's cruel to leave them in a crate or kennel, followed by I just can't do that and listen to them bark!" My response is, that by training them that their kennel is a safe place, their kennel is their home, using the kennel not as a punishment, but as a happy place. HOPEFULLY it will change not only how YOU, their owner looks at it, but how your pet will respond. No matter how old the rescue dog is that is coming into All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue, they are immediately introduced to a hard-sided Pet Taxi or Pet Crate/Kennel. I will not use a Wire Crate when training a new dog for safety reasons. If you look on those Wire Crate Boxes, it'll say, DO NOT USE ON PETS NOT KENNEL TRAINED. These Wire Crates seem to be very popular, but are not safe for a new dog learning to kennel. For me, I want my dogs to feel like they are being protected and safe. With a hard-sided kennel it's a quieter feel, they are not surrounded by open wires and spaces. With a hard-sided kennel they have less area to bite and try to tear through as with a wire kennel, thus hurting their mouths, breaking teeth, or even worse escaping. The majority of the crates I use are PetMate Crates and I buy the largest kennel with a door that locks four ways. One selling point with PetMate is that I can buy replacement kennel doors if needed. The Crate that you get for your dog needs

to be large enough for them to stand and turn around. My thought is, if you have a puppy that will become a larger dog, then buy ONE TIME. I'd buy a kennel large enough to fit him or her when they are an adult. The kennel I love cost around \$250 and I can use it for any size dog, small to xxx-large.

You ask, so how do it get my dog used to the kennel and how long does it take? When training a new dog, I'm always mindful that each dog is different and what may have worked for one dog or breed may not always work for the next. I have learned that whenever I'm doing any training, being CONSISTANT is always the main key. If you are training only one dog in the household or mul-

tiples don't change up who goes in what kennel. Be consistent by putting the same dog in the same kennel and don't change them up. This will also protect your dog from any type of cross contamination of diseases. My dogs, your dogs or any dogs get used to having and knowing which kennel is theirs and by randomly changing where they go and stay can detour your training.

You want the dog to enjoy being in their kennels and nothing is better than feeding time at my house. With the many dogs that I have in the rescue, it's easier and safer for me to feed everyone in their kennels. This helps eliminate any type of food aggression that might arise and it helps me stay on top of any surprise illnesses if someone doesn't eat their supper. You can purchase feeders/waters that will attach to the front kennel door, giving your pet more floor space in the kennel. This again is an option to think about, I have a couple of dogs that I use wire bowl holders for who will leave them hanging on the door and then I have others that will knock them down off the kennel door and I have to pick them up. I would suggest trying different ones until you find the one that works best for your pet. They come in many different types and sizes, some you can attach with just hangers made for that size of bowl and others come where you can secure them to the kennel door with a locking mechanism. When feeding in the kennel, I do not put in a water bowl. Over trial and error I've learned that having access to water in their kennel leads to more work and bigger messes to clean up. My dogs are in and out of their kennels several times a day, giving them access to water and helps prevent any potty messes, Crate training is also an excellent way to housebreak your new member of the family. In most normal cases, your dog will not urinate or defecate where they stay, eat and sleep. Again, it's all about being consistent and really watching your feeding and time schedules.

When crate or kennel training, I'll start out using pee pads or sometimes newspapers in the bottom of my kennel. This allows me easier cleanup and gives me a chance to evaluate the dog. Some dogs will chew and tear up a blanket or nice new dog bed and that can be costly. By using a pee pad or using newspaper, this will give me a chance to allow the dog to adjust to it's new surroundings and

saves me the cost of a dog bed. I would caution on using newspaper if you have a white dog, newspaper ink will transfer onto their white coats. Hopefully, over time and as the dog learns this will now be their new home, I'll be able to invest in a kennel mat or bed.

Don't be surprised if your dog doesn't take right off to it's new environment and yes there may be some barking too! When starting out especially with a younger dog, I'll place my kennel in a low traffic area, maybe in a back-bedroom, laundry room or bathroom. This will allow me to close off the area, keeping it quiet for the dog to relax and adjust to it's new home. Barking does occur, but usually doesn't last too long before they settle down and go to sleep. If I'm having problems with a dog barking while in the kennel, with a hard-sided kennel I can use a blanket to cover the kennel making it dark inside, giving the dog time to decompress and relax. Using a wire kennel I have more problems with the dog pulling the blanket into the kennel and tearing it to shreds, making it difficult to pull the blanket out of the wire squares. This will also happen with the hard-sided kennel at the door, but it's much more difficult to do. Like a small child, your dog will learn that if it keeps barking and you keep checking in on it and letting it out of the kennel, then it has now become a learned behavior.

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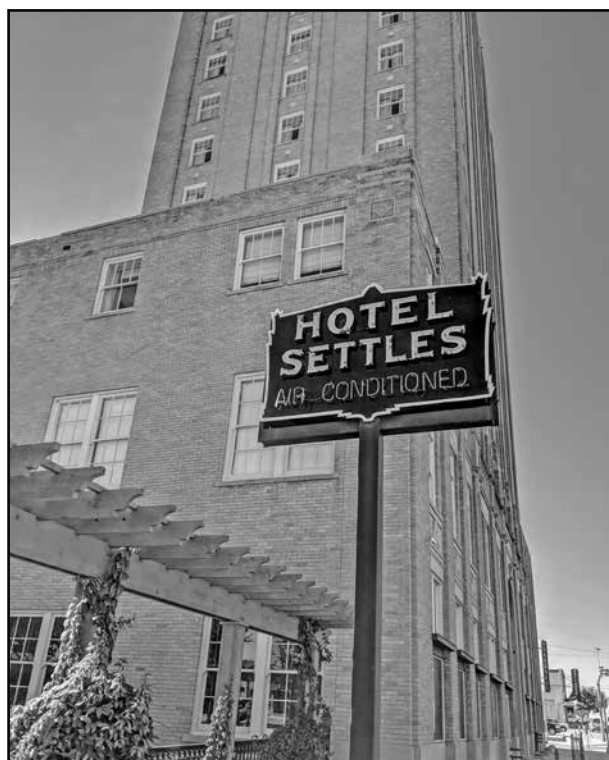
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Hotel Settles is located in Downtown Big Spring, but can be seen for miles. The renovation of the historic building was completed a few years ago and has been one of the main attractions and visitor draws to Big Spring. From weddings, to corporate meetings, and even staycations, Hotel Settles is an opportunity to experience a piece of luxurious living in a small town. Not only has the history been preserved, but has been brought into present day in a way that only expounds upon the legacy that's already been created long ago.

By CARRIE HARVELL
Herald Contributing Writer

The historic Settles is an incredibly beautiful boutique hotel with an amazing story. The story began in 1929. W.R. Settles was a local cattle rancher and devout Presbyterian who was bombarded with suggestions on how to spend his new found wealth when oil was discovered on his land. At the time Big Spring's population was tripling from the oil boom, hotel rooms were in great demand. Local leaders convinced him to build not just another hotel but one that would out shine all others. The location was chosen, a prime spot in downtown. David Castle, a famous West Texas architect, was hired and a year of lighting fast construction began. October 1, 1930 The Settles Hotel opened, it was the only full-service hotel between El Paso and Dallas.

"It's not just a hotel, it's a way of life. From the beginning they wanted this hotel to represent true Texas hospitality and relaxed elegance" Najam Hasan, the general manager for the Settles Hotel, said.

Najam, who moved from California two years ago to join the Settles has, extensive experience in managing four-star hotels, such as The Omni, Hilton and Marriott. His considerable achievements in business development are an added bonus.

The cost of the hotel including furnishing was \$700,000 that equaled all the building permits issued in Big Spring that year.

According to a special section published by the Herald, a spectacular marble staircase rose from the lobby split in two directions that lead to the mezzanine and grand ballroom. The 170 rooms featured "running ice-water" and luxury bathrooms decorated in an Egyptian color scheme of black and white that was popular at that time. The floors were polished maple, the paneling was mahogany and the furnishings were the finest walnut. An eleven-piece orchestra played in the packed ballroom. The Settles Hotel was compared to the New Yorker in New York for class, service and beauty. However, by the time the Settles opened the Depression was hitting everyone hard. The lavish construction left W.R. Settles vulnerable, by June

1932 he lost everything. The hotel survived and under new management became one of the bright spots of the Depression era.

Traveling big band orchestras played the ballroom nightly to packed crowds decked out in ball gowns, tuxedos and top hats. Will Rogers was once reported to say "They just don't throw parties the way they use to at the Settles".

The most popular band to play the Settles was led by a young Lawrence Welk. Other famous people who visited the Settles was President Herbert Hoover, President Johnson, Gregory Peck, Buddy Holly and his band The Crickets that included Jerry Allison (a Big Spring native who was the drummer), Dr. William Mayo (Founder of the Mayo Clinic), and Elvis Presley who stayed on the historic 3rd floor in 1955.

In 1942 the Big Spring Army Field (later to be named Webb Air Force base) and Cosden Petroleum Corporation brought Big Spring out of a slump and supported a substantial upper class, whose clubs and societies brought celebrities and dignitaries to the Settles on a regular basis.

The 50s were golden years for the Settles, the wonder years however were short lived. In May 1969 the hotel enjoyed a final fanfare with the release of the Academy Award winning film 'Midnight Cowboy', In the movie the bus pulls away and the Settles is seen fading into the background.

By 1975, the hotel was rarely booked and had gained a reputation as a flop house and a brothel. In May of 1980 they cut the power and shut the doors. Soon people came and stripped away the Settles vintage furnishings. The mahogany paneling was pried loose and the marble stairs and wrought iron railing was dismantled. Everything that could be removed - beds, stoves, telephone booths, door-knobs, room keys, toilet paper holders and towel bars even the plumbing inside the walls was carried out and auctioned off. Once a symbol of Big Spring's soaring ambition, the Settles was now a naked empty shell. After being stripped bare, the hotel changed hands several times. A San Antonio developer promised to turn it into luxury apartments. Five years of tax and legal problems

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2020 Ace Trials help Americot improve region specific seed performance

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK - Americot, Inc., the supplier of premium NexGen® cotton seed, has been expanding its research and testing programs to help identify cotton varieties best-suited for particular geographic locations.

Through its unique program known as ACE (Americot Cotton Evaluation) Trials, the company is able to observe and evaluate cotton variety candidates in "real world" situations. Comprehensive research on those test plots clearly demonstrates how a new NexGen variety should perform in specific areas under regional conditions such as climate, elevation, water availability and local soil types, along with other variables such as pest pressure and PGRs.

Now, thanks to enthusiastic grower support, Americot has been able to hire more research professionals and dramatically increase the company's field-test-

ing capabilities. In 2018, Americot sponsored 75 ACE test plots; that number is now closer to 200, stretching from Arizona to the Atlantic coast.

"We now have the personnel to cover the Cotton Belt and give more attention to all areas," said Dr. Doug Jost, Director of Research & Cotton Germplasm. "Our field researchers are able to observe variety candidates in each of our territories under all kinds of conditions."

Varieties in ACE Trials are carefully monitored for critical performance metrics, including yield, length, vigor, maturity, height, disease tolerance and stormproof bolls. That data is then correlated to the exact geographic area in which a new variety will be sold. By the time a NexGen variety is launched, Americot knows where it will have the most potential for success and how it can be managed most effectively.

"Through our expanded field

research, we can go to growers in a certain area and say with confidence, "This variety will work here'," Jost added. "We want Americot customers to know that when they choose one of our cotton seed products, it's been tested in conditions that match up to what's in their own backyard."

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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 Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
 Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring
 Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
 Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
 Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
 Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
 John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
 Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
 Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
 James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
 Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
 Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
 Gloria Cerna, P.O. Box 55, Lamesa
 Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa
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 Clayton W. Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
 Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E Parker, Midland
 Joanna Esparza, 501 S.Tackitt Seymour, Texas
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 Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
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 Juana Fierro, 406 N. W. 5th St., Big Spring
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 Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
 Jennifer Gonzales, 2616 Hunter Dr., Big Spring
 James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
 Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
 Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
 Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
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 Melissa Gutierrez, 3310 SF Austin, No. 58, Brownwood
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 Mike Haddix, 401 Humble St. Apt. E, Midland
 Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
 William J. Harman, HC 76, Box 147K-1, Big Spring
 Nicholas D. Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams St. #9, Breckenridge
 Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring
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 Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big

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Spring
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E 4th St., San Angelo
Billy Dean Hill, 7117 Alissa, Rowlett
Johnny R. Hill, 704 San Antonio, Big Spring
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Ruben Lopez Jr., 107 Milburn St., Synder, Texas
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O'Neal McClain, 911 17th St., Snyder
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Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.
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Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
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Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
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Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Richard Leonard Moya, 45, and Nicole Ann Faz, 32, both of Big Spring
Eric John Tuttle, 36, and Lyndsey Jenise Allen, 34, both of Big Spring
Ethan Alan Blackburn, 42, and Rosamaria Gutierrez, 36, both of Big Spring
Laquanthus Lamar Randall, 29, and Sierra Ruby Kay Kiser, 26, both of Big Spring
Augustine Loera Hilario, 34, and Priscilla Lea Cortez, 35, both of Big Spring
Walter Turnbow, 35, and Jennifer Marie Morgan, 37, both of Big Spring
Jesus C. Hernandez, 35, and Christina Saucedo, 33, both of Big Spring

County Court Rulings

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

Defendant: Tommy Hull
Offense: Possession of Marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$50 Reimbursement Fee, time served,
Date: June 1, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Manuel Lopez
Grantee: Eleanor Lopez
Property: Lot 2, block 7, Stanford Park
Date: May 29, 2020

Grantor: Raul Marquez
Grantee: Karen Aguilar Martinez
Property: Lots 9 & 10, block 14, Jones Valley Addition
Date: May 26, 2020

Grantor: LarryDon Brown
Grantee: Osvaldo Mejia
Property: Lot 5, block 20, Sherrod Heights Subdivision, section 27, block No. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
Date: May 20, 2020

Grantor: Circle H Oil Company, Inc
Grantee: Ogene Hector and Vicki Hector
Property: Lot No. 3, and Lots No. 9, 10, 11, and 12, in block H, Campestre Estates, a subdivision of Sec. 17, block 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey
Date: May 26, 2020

Grantor: Arthur Olague and Cruz Olague
Grantee: Donaciano Rocha and Connie Rocha
Property: Being Lot 17, block 10, Monticello Addition
Date: May 26, 2020

Grantor: Tommy Eugene Rawls
Grantee: Gary Rawls
Property: 0.149 acres, more or less, being lot 6, block 14, Brown Addition
Date: June 3, 2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Tyler Haddock
Grantee: George Fontanez
Property: Lot No. 14, block No. 1, Highland Caprock Subdivision out of a 16.709 acre tract out of Sec. No. 8 in block No. 32,

Township 1-South, T&P Ry Co. Survey
Date: May 29, 2020

Grantor: Lonnie Arn and Chralotte D. Arn
Grantee: Leonora Arellano and Eumer Sangalang
Property: Being the North ½ of Lot 8, block 1, Morningside Addition
Date: June 1, 2020

Grantor: Levi Burchett
Grantee: Jessie Bennett Campbell and Samuel Zachary Campbell
Property: Lots 48, 49, and S/2 of Lot 25, in Tract 4, Foster Subdivision, Town of Coahoma out of Sec. 47, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: May 29, 2020

Grantor: Nathan Poss aka Nathan Joel Poss
Grantee: John Luke Yarbar and Mique Yarbar
Property: Lot 10, block 8, Parkhill Addition
Date: June 1, 2020

Grantor: Jan Teague aka Jan Shaw
Grantee: Jose Guillermo Cruz Velez and Janeliz M. Vazquez
Property: Being the W/100' of the S/2 of Lot No. 5 and the W/100' of Lot No. 6, block No. 12, McDowell Heights Addition
Date: June 3, 2020

Grantor: Moises D. Sanchez
Grantee: Jeremiah Griff and Amber Griff
Property: Being all of Lot. No 2, block No. 1, in Western Hills, a subdivision of a portion of the E/2 of Tract No.9 of Kennebec Heights, a subdivision of part of Sec. No 12, in block No. 33, Township 1 South, T&P Ry Co Survey
Date: June 4, 2020

Grantor: R2 BSCC LLC
Grantee: Jordan Partee
Property: Surface estate only – Being a 161.95 acre tract of land, more or less of South half of Sec. 16, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: June 2, 2020

Grantor: Hugh Clark and Norma Jean Clark
Grantee: Joshua Bedwell and Heather Rutledge
Property: Surface estate only of a 10.136 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the NE part of Sec. 36, block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: June 5, 2020

Grantor: Manuel R. Carrasco and Rina D. Carrasco
Grantee: Favian Andrew Urias III and Ronna Dawn Urias
Property: Lot No. 6, block No 3, Highland Caprock Subdivision, out of a 16.079 acre tract out of Sec. 8, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: June 5, 2020

Grantor: Chance Adams
Grantee: Thomas Chukwuemeka Chuke
Property: Lot No. 28, block No. 3, in Wasson Place
Date: June 1, 2020

Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$690 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$690.4 million in local sales tax allocations for June, 11.7 percent less than in June 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, widespread social distancing requirements were in place across much of the state in April, leading to the steepest year-over-year decline in allocations since September 2009.

The Local Sales Tax Allocations (June 2020):
Cities were allocated \$443.6M which is 11.1% down from last year and a .4% change year to date; Transit systems received \$143M which is a change of 17.4% from last year and a .2% year to date change; Counties received \$46.2M which is a 7.2% from last year and .3% year to date.

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All positions for Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Crew Leaders, Techs, and Shop/Warehouse Personnel. Pay DOE, but will train. Bonus Plans, Vacation and Holiday Pay. Must be able to pass Drug Screen. Apply @ Blast Masters 1711 E Hwy 350.

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The Wood Group is hiring Licensed Vocational Nurse for Residential facility Big Spring, TX

This is a full time position M-4 (8am to 4pm)

Pay Rate: \$21.00 to \$23.00hr depending on experience.

Location to apply in person: 3205 South Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

Job duties include but not limited to:
Dispensing Medications
Fulfilling doctor's order
Set appointments for clients

Qualifications: A valid LVN license is required.

Benefits:
Healthcare
Pension
Vacation/PTO

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- Non-Certified/Certified Police Officer
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Landscaping Help Needed
Please call 432-213-0031

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for the following position:

Central Control Operator – Responsible for monitoring water flows, pressures, and tank levels using SCADA system. Perform administrative support including recording readings, monitoring phones and basic data entry. Basic computer skills including Excel needed. This position involves shift work. For additional information visit www.crmwd.org

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We are looking for an ambitious, creative, self-starter, to fill a staff writer role at the Big Spring Herald.

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This individual would provide news coverage, build pages, and update social media accounts/website.

Indesign and Photoshop are a plus, but will train the right person. We are looking for a creative, outgoing individual familiar with social media. Must be a self-starter, and be able to meet deadlines.

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Individual will be responsible for several areas of coverage, from feature stories to hard news. Must have a flexible schedule.

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The Wood Group is hiring Assistant Group Home Manager for Crisis Residential facility in Big Spring, TX.

This is a fulltime position M-F (8am to 4pm).

How to apply:
To apply in person you will need to schedule an appointment with the Administrator 425-264-2750.

To fax application you can download the application from our company website www.thewoodgroup.us and fax to 432-264-2773.

Requirements:
A valid Texas Driver's license.
High School Diploma or equivalent
1 year experience working with clients in a group home setting.

Job duties included but not limited to:
Performs related office duties assigned by the Administrator.
Must be familiar with day to day operation of the facility in the absence of the Manager.

Intake/Discharge Client Locator
Assisting with meals
Moderate Cleaning Duties
On call every other week.

Benefits Package:
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Requirements:

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High School Diploma or equivalent
Experience working with clients in a group home setting (preferred)

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Public Notice

CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

BIG SPRING MCMAHON-WRINKLE AIRPARK BIG SPRING, TEXAS RUNWAY 6-24 PAPI INSTALLATION AND TAXIWAY E LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for construction of Runway 6-24 PAPI Installation and Taxiway E Lighting Improvements will be received by Mr. Shane Bowles, Public Works Director, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, until 3:00 PM local time on 6/23/2020, at which time Bids received will be opened and read. Project consists of installation of taxiway lights and a PAPI-2 on Runway 6-24.

The issuing office for bidding documents is Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423, 806.473.2200.

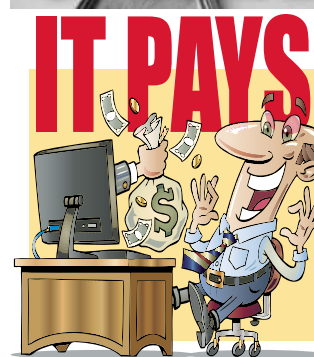
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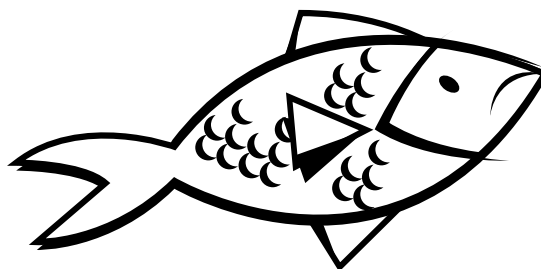
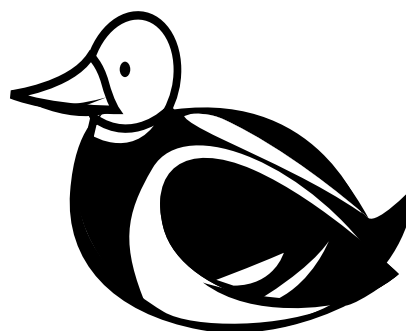
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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PALM TREE

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It takes two to tango

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 5 3
♥ K 8
♦ Q 8 3
♣ K J 9 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 2
♥ 7 6 4 3
♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ A 7 4

EAST
♠ A Q 8 7 4
♥ J 10 5 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ J 9 6
♥ A Q 9
♦ A K J
♣ Q 10 8 3

The bidding:
East Pass 1 NT Pass South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — ten of spades.

There is no question that many contracts are won or lost on the opening lead. For this reason, choosing the opening lead has been the subject of many theoretical dissertations, not to mention many a hot dispute, since the game was invented.

Fortunately, most opening leads are clear-cut. The bidding may point the way, or a strong honor-card sequence in a suit may be especially attractive.

The trouble arises mostly when the opening leader has a choice of several leads, any of which may turn out to be rousing success or a dismal

failure. These are the leads that can cause heated debates and sleepless nights.

In today's deal, West was confronted by just such a dilemma. He felt that neither of his two anemic four-card suits was worth leading, so he settled instead on the ten of spades in hopes of striking gold in his partner's hand. This inspired lead should have defeated the contract, but, sadly, East gummed up the works.

Declarer was able to diagnose the short-suit lead since he had the nine of spades in his hand. So, to tempt East into going astray, he played the king of spades from dummy.

Not inclined to reject such a juicy morsel, East pounced on the king with the ace, effectively scuttling the defense. Regardless of East's return at trick two, South could next safely dislodge West's ace of clubs and so finish with 10 tricks.

However, had East withheld his ace at trick one and simply encouraged West by signaling with the eight, declarer would have gone down one. Whenever West gained the lead with the ace of clubs, his spade return would have allowed East to run his suit.

The correct play should not have been hard for East to work out. The lead of the ten of spades marked South with the jack, so the play of the king by declarer was sure to have been a ruse.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to gardens.

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Answer: Water

SUDOKU

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

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

ANSWER:



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



A Visit from Inspector Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a different experience of the world than any creature who has ever walked it. You'll be met with appreciation as you share your unique insights with someone you trust.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People need to hear your version of the story, but you've held back because you want to get the sentiment just right. It's worth putting work into, but don't overthink it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The very same experience you categorize as painful is also liberating. What rocks your belief about what (SET ITAL)is(ENDD ITAL) also opens your eyes to what could be. Look for gains everywhere.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are in a proactive mode and will lean into your gift for imagining, organizing and executing your next move. There are at least two key hap-

penings that today's plans will smooth right out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What you feel capable of doing is not such a stretch from what you have already done; it's just you reaching in a slightly different direction. Assume that you'll do what you set out to do and then embark.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll trust people who talk fast. They, like you, realize that there is much to be done, and they are processing life quickly. It will be fortunate to have allies on this wavelength of productivity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Normality can be an anxious dictator. Hit pause and step back. The wider view shows a much broader range of "normal." Step back again and there is no "normal" at all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In a parallel universe, secluded from the routines, pressures and responsibilities of everyday life,

there's an oasis you've built for yourself out of your own curiosity and interest. Visit and become revitalized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Kindness alone can't evaporate the evil in the world. But kindness, early on and constantly throughout, can stop that evil from developing in the first place. Compassion is prevention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Annual and seasonal appointments will be important to keep. Perhaps not significant in and of themselves, these events are the markers by which you'll later judge other events as "before" and "after."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 14). As though guided by angels, you'll land in an unexpected and felicitous place in the weeks to come, with a grateful heart and an accompanying sense of wonder. You'll pick up useful skills, and soon after you'll get to handle things for others. This comes with nice pay, interesting connections and a key into a new adventure. Aquarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 1, 13, 38 and 45.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The season ends with an action-packed week. First up is an Aries moon that cannot stop picking fights -- first with Mercury, and then Pluto and, finally, Jupiter. Emotional tension isn't inherently negative or positive. It is what you make it. And you really do have a choice about if and how to react to it, though it doesn't always feel this way. It's natural to rely on your reactive mind and learned behavior, though it's also very limiting. Those who

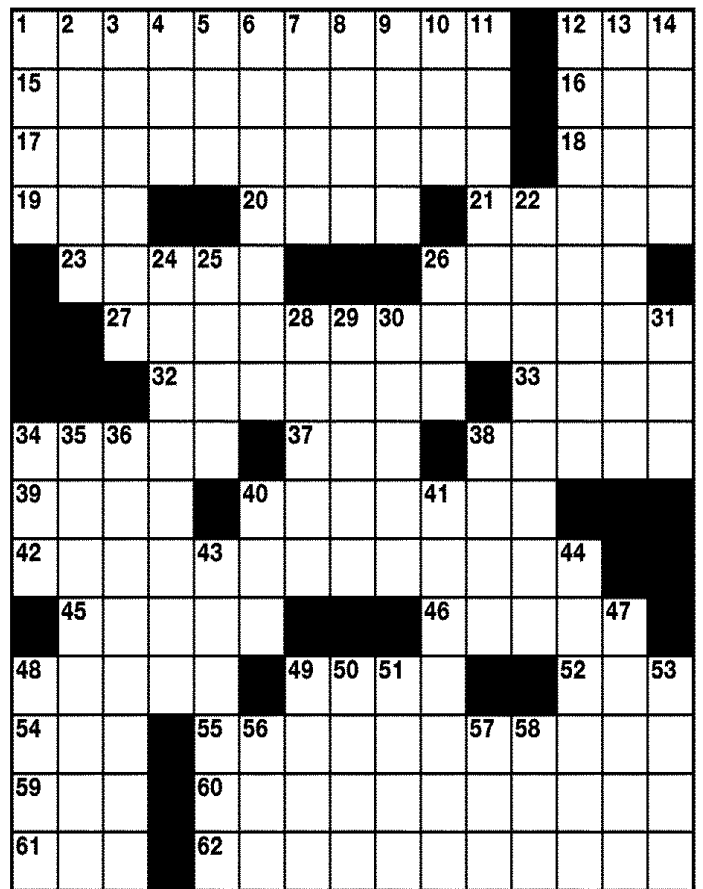
try to become aware of a greater range of options will be liberated. But just knowing there's another way to deal with tension isn't enough. It takes practice, which usually includes making and correcting mistakes along the way. Offer yourself grace, especially through the end of Tuesday. Mercury goes retrograde right in the middle of the week, so take care of business before Thursday, if you can. Send the check; make the call; have the interview; buy the gift. If you can't, don't sweat it. When things happen unpredictably, it gives you a chance to change up your footing, try new moves and surprise yourself with reflexes you didn't know you had. The new moon on Saturday comes with a solar eclipse and the commencement of an astronomical event that has been celebrated since the ancients. Happy solstice!

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Annie's Mailbox

Reconnecting During Quarantine

Dear Annie: My siblings and I were never close. In fact, my brother and I could have been considered "mortal enemies" as we grew up. Since our mother passed nine years ago, there has been little to no contact.

In the past few years since I retired, I have come to realize that a lot of the circumstances surrounding our upbringing did not encourage family unity. I feel like I've gone through the stages of grieving as this realization has set in. I also realize that, with one brother deceased and a sister very ill, my brother, the former "mortal enemy," and I are the only ones from our generation who are still healthy.

I have wondered what can be done to bring us together, and have to tell you that circumstances surrounding COVID-19 have opened the door. We all live in different states now, and I have taken it upon myself to check in with family members, including nieces and nephews, on a weekly basis, asking how everyone is. I collect the responses, email my brother with their updates, and ask for his updates. He responds!

When it's time to contact the others, I let them know what is going on with him. I don't know where this will lead between my brother and I, but I feel encouraged. He is even talking about visiting and offers my

daughter advice about the future. This is all new, and we are both proceeding very carefully, but there is hope. As difficult as it was to take that first step, I'm writing to encourage others to do it. Choose your words carefully and be brief to start, but start! -- Sigh of Relief

Dear Sign of Relief: Wow, just wow! You took a difficult time, with COVID-19, and turned it into a time for you and your brother to heal a strained relationship. You took this pandemic as an opportunity to open your heart and reach out to your brother.

That is to be applauded and encouraged. Thank you for sharing your letter, and I am hopeful that it motivates other people to do the same. Family -- whether it is the one we are born into or the one we choose -- is everything. And although members of that family can be challenging or difficult, they are still, in the end, a part of us.

Dear Annie: My husband's disabled cousin lives with us. I wouldn't mind except he smokes cigarettes in his bedroom, which is essentially a mother-in-law space. The smell of smoke seeps out into the front yard, where I like to garden. I have asthma, and it makes me cough, so I have to leave, but more, it enrages me. He has several serious health issues, and his doctors have pleaded with him to stop smoking. He has tried many times but nev-

er succeeds for long.

When I look at him, I don't see a person most of the time; I see a walking cigarette. I grew up in a house blue with cigarette smoke, and my mother, and first mother-in-law, both died of lung cancer. My husband finally gave me an ultimatum that I'm no longer allowed to complain about this. I spend so much time angry. I can't afford a therapist. Is there a group to whom I can vent? -- Up In Smoke

Dear Up in Smoke: I'm not really what ultimatum your husband gave you, but it clearly is not working. You have asthma, and it is your house. You have every right to request that your husband's cousin smoke elsewhere or that something is done to reduce the effect of the smoke. However, being angry isn't going to help him quit.

It doesn't serve anybody if you are walking around like a teapot ready to blow. Find some compassion for your husband's cousin. Instead of seeing him as a walking cigarette, see him as a person with flaws -- and strengths. Focus on those strengths. The more compassion we have toward the people we live with, the more things will flow harmoniously.

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

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Answer to previous puzzle
ASSAD TIC SMITE
SATAN ERA KATHY
PLANA EON ALFRE
SAID INNER TIED
DRESS USAGE
ABS GABFEST UPI
BAT TWOODEN REN
BREW XXX BEAK
ASPEN OXO MUSTS
TURF NAGS
TAC MAC MMM TOE
EXURBIA OUTJUMP
LIRA SNOBS AXIS
LOIN EDDIE VETO
SMOG YISL ASSN

Practice Healthy Habits

PET

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Dog barks, someone will let it out so the dog never really learns to love it's kennel. As your dog becomes accustomed to his new housing you will be able to bring it into a high traffic area such as the living room and allow them to be a part of the family. My kennel doors are left open and I'm never surprised to find a family fur baby sleeping in a kennel and enjoying life.

I mentioned that schedules are everything, not only to your pet but to you also. Like any baby, when they first wake up it's potty time. When your alarm goes on it's time to take the dog outside to potty. I'd suggest staying out with them just to make sure and then back inside while you get ready for work. If you're working with a small puppy or young dog, most vets will recommend

feeding twice a day. Back into the kennel we go, feed and then be sure to let them back outside to do their business before leaving for work. Just as soon as your feet hit the household floor after work, it's time to go outside to potty. Remember your dog has been sitting in it's kennel, quiet for however long it's been and just as soon as they wake up and get moving it's potty time. Feeding the same time every day, bathroom breaks at the same time and keeping a routine helps with housebreaking, especially when crate training. Remembering also that using a crate isn't for disciplining, a crate is used for positive reinforcement.

If you're a working dog mother or dog father and don't like coming home to a destroyed house left by your fur baby, then crating is the only answer. Safety is a top priority with any new or old dog in the household. Dogs do what DOGS do, they get into things, trash, chemicals under the sink, chew

electrical cords, tear up bedding, rugs, pillows and even chew your phone charger! This is where all the blame is on YOU and not the dog! This is where had the dog been crated, the dog is safe and the house is safe. Had the dog been trained, both would have been safe and out of danger.

Training your pet to a kennel can be a life saving measure also. If you were to have a house fire or natural disaster and needed to be housed where your dog couldn't just run free, a pet crate could just save your pet's life. If you want to travel with your dog, some hotels require that if left alone in your hotel room, your dog must be in a kennel. Even in the car traveling, a pet taxi could save your pet's life if you were in an accident. Having a well-trained, well-behaved dog in a crate or kennel is taking the first step to more rewarding and wonderful times with your BEST FRIEND.

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HOTEL

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stopped him. Eventually nature and vandals ravaged the hotel's interior. Pigeons followed, as well as the rain, which flooded the lobby and melted the ornate decorative plaster. By 1995 residents were tired of the eye sore and wanted it torn down. Tommy Churchwell, a local resident was frustrated with that attitude.

"What people did not realize was that when that hotel was gone, our identity as a town would go with it," he was quoted in an article about the restoration.

The year the Settles closed Brint Ryan was a sophomore at Big Spring High School. He played trombone in the marching band and his first job was as a newspaper carrier for the *Big Spring Herald*. The only time he had ever been inside the hotel was when he and his Grandfather went in to get a peek at the lobby.

In 2006, Ryan received a phone call from an old classmate, a developer was interested in a number of buildings downtown and needed tax advice. While looking at maps of the area Ryan noticed a glaring omission.

"What about the Settles?" he asked.

The answer was it was an impossible task. Ryan asked for a tour anyway, standing in the lobby amid sheer destruction the sunlight poured through the ceiling. Mounds of debris covered the ground, two to three feet deep. The basement was full of water that bubbled up like a geyser with every storm. Both elevator shafts were filled with nine solid feet of asbestos, which had previously been dumped there, but the worst part was the piles of dead pigeons and dried feces. When the tour ended, they were on the roof, from there they could see the hills of the Caprock tumbling into the Staked Plains. The old Cosden refinery (now DK) sparkled under the West Texas sun. Ryan is quoted as saying "when I saw the community from that angle, I knew I had to do it. I was hooked." Ryan invested \$30 million to bring the old structure back to its halcyon days glory.

"It was a crazy project that absolutely nobody thought could succeed. But I grew up in West Texas, I'm the offspring of a family of settlers that came out in 1887. My grandfather was as stubborn as a mule and I'm the same way. When I make up my mind I do it," Ryan is quoted in an article in Texas Monthly.

At Christmas that year Ryan told his family of his plans to renovate and reopen the Settles. Ryan's brother Kris told him he had lost his mind, at which point Ryan made Kris the general manager of the entire operation. Ryan is quoted as saying "knowing how to build a business is one of the most valuable skills anyone can have. I wanted my brother to have that. By throwing him into a very difficult situation I knew he would either sink or swim". Kris put his head down and learned fast. On December 28 at the grand reopening the night might have belonged to Ryan, but everyone in there knew which man to congratulate first. Ryan is quoted saying "You outdid yourself on this. I don't always compliment-that's not what we were taught. I'm good at kicking butt, but not always good at complimenting. However, you did a wonderful job, and I thank you for that." Kris Ryan is still the asset manager and is always on the property to assure the community the owners are always involved in its management.

Using plans based on the original blueprints, they painstakingly began to reconstruct the grand old dame. They wanted to make sure the hotel represented the Texas people. Their goal was to not only recreate the elegant rooms but to provide employment and income to Big Spring again. Most importantly they also wanted to create memories for everyone in the community. The historic Settles became just that, with 15,000 sq. feet of event space, from the Grand Ballroom to a bright and airy pavilion it is a beautiful location for weddings, retreats, corporate meetings and receptions. It is perfect for special family events such as reunions, quinceaneras, anniversaries, birthday parties and holidays (it was listed as one of the best places to celebrate Christmas in the 2019 Southern Living Magazine). All spaces have wireless internet access and audio/visual capabilities.

James Palmer is an engineer from Tennessee, whose family trade is replicating ornamental plaster, he was hired to work on the project. "We have better knowledge of how to craft the molding and better materials to work with than the original craftsmen did," he said. "We brought in craftsmen from North Carolina, California and Mexico for the Spanish influence. The other craftsmen left when the project was finished, however James remains to continue working on other projects. At present they are working in the Reed building. They plan on putting in a sports bar. Next will be revitalizing a park next to the Settles. Also, on the drawing board is the Ritz Theater. It has already been gutted and ready for remodeling to begin. The plane from the lobby was rescued along with other artifacts that will be returned to the finished project.

Two of the three original birch phone booths were recovered and are located by the restaurant. The intricately carved table by the phone booth alcove is an original piece of furniture that was donated back to the hotel, along with a chandelier. The staircase had to be rebuilt and paneling replaced. One floor was kept exactly as it was when the hotel was first built. The lobby terrazzo floors are original as well as the safe door and a small portion of the molding.

Across the lobby, the Pharmacy Bar and Parlor was built in place of the old drugstore. There are black and white pictures displayed in the parlor section. They are open 7 days a week and Happy Hour is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to poker tables, there is a subterranean cigar den called the Judge's Chamber in tribute to the Earl of Aylesford. Heneage Finch, the Seventh Earl of Aylesford, had fled England to escape a public scandal. Shortly after stepping off the train, Finch was reciting his distinguished lineage. John Birdwell who was a Texas Ranger and current owner of the Settles stopped

him saying "Look here, Earl, all that stuff won't go here. We'll just call you Judge, and that way no one will get hurt." With that the "Judge" became ingrained in local lore. There are many other legends and stories of the grand old hotel, some say it is haunted.

The Grand ballroom was redone with the intention of making it the dream of every Texas bride. A salon and spa were added along with a swimming pool with an air-conditioned pavilion.

The 130 seat Grill took the place of the old coffee shop. There is an original menu and tablecloth from the early 1950's on display in the entry. Today Chef Jason Stude (who trained with Iron Chef David Wolf) works with two other chefs to provide a fresh and interesting menu. Chef Rosie Gibson who, comes from a family with a long history of cooking has 10 years of pastry expertise. Chef Gabe Gutierrez has 20 years of experience working in upscale restaurants and resorts. Each of them comes from Austin. They will be changing the menu three times a year while keeping some of the guest's favorites.

During the pandemic, they delivered meals to the community daily. The Grill can provide catering services from classic hors d'oeuvres to a Texas barbecue buffet. They are open 7 days a week

Above the landing of the grand staircase, where president, war heroes and Rotarians have stood there is a portrait of Ryan's mother, Virginia Ann Wilson Ryan, who inspired her son to do difficult tasks the right way. The Hotel Settles is living proof of this inspiration, may it stand as a beacon for what is possible.

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