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**COVID-19 Update:**  
*Active Cases: 32*  
*Confirmed: 80*  
*Tests performed: 2235*  
*Pending: 30*  
*Negative tests: 2125*  
*Recovered: 46*  
*Deaths: 2*

**Isaiah 58 announces changes**  
*New entrance, exit; 30-day distribution process, ID required*

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor  
 Temperatures are rising and the need for support services seems to be rising. Isaiah 58 has recently been adjusting service distribution times and processes to meet the need in a safe manner for all involved. Once again, due to changing conditions there are a few new logistical changes taking place when it comes to distribution. "We are trying to keep our volunteers and those receiving our services as safe as we can in the ever changing environment," Nancy Stinson, Isaiah 58 CEO/President said. "Beginning with the next distribution date, we will be implementing a new entrance and exit, along with new procedures." Beginning July 21, those who are receiving services will need to enter the parking lot through 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. A smoother flow of traffic is the end goal with the new change in direction. Also, those who will be receiving food boxes will need to be exit their vehicle and load the items into their own vehicles. According to See **ISAIAH**, Page 3A



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**Isaiah 59 holds distribution on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Those receiving assistance should enter on 9th Street.**

Check out creative masks in the community; Page 1B



Courtesy photo submitted by Eloy Moran

**Updates:**  
 Howard County Fair has been cancelled for 2020.

**Howard County, City of Big Spring announce 4 new COVID-19 cases Friday**

**Special to the Herald**  
 On Friday afternoon, the Emergency Management Team of Big Spring and Howard County issued a press release announcing new confirmed cases of coronavirus. The press release stated: On July 17, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of four (4) new positive test results for COVID-19 since yesterday. Three of the individuals are isolated at home and are currently exhibiting mild symptoms, such as headache, low-grade fever and a cough. These new cases have been determined to be community spread. Unfortunately, the fourth case passed away from his illness. The demographic information of infected individuals is as follows:  
 • 62-year-old male  
 • 90-year-old male  
 • 31-year-old male  
 • 85-year-old male  
 The state of Texas is under a mask mandate. Those who are in public and can not social distance are required to wear a mask.

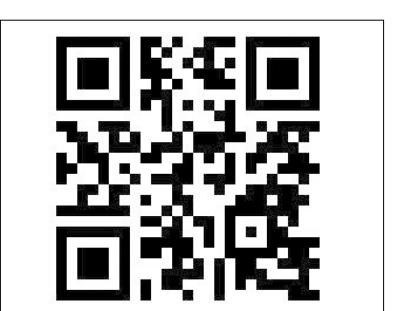
**90-year-old reported to have succumbed to COVID-19 illness**

**Special to the Herald**  
 On July 16, 2020, the City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified a 90-year-old male patient positive for COVID-19 had been admitted to the hospital. The patient was a resident of Howard County. On July 17, 2020, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman and Mayor Shannon Thomason were notified this patient had succumbed to the illness and passed away. This is the second death in Big Spring/Howard County due to COVID-19. Both County and City officials are saddened by this news and extend our deepest condolences to his family members. We ask the community to keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**SMMC announces Brown as new President**

**Specail to the Herald**  
 BIG SPRING – Steward Health Care is pleased to welcome Stacey Brown as the new president of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Brown will oversee operations and leadership at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, which has served the community for years. Brown will maintain her current position as the president of Odessa Regional Medical Center (ORMC), also a Steward family hospital. Her expanded role as the president of Scenic Mountain will facilitate synergies between the two sister hospitals and communities, leading to greater success of both facilities and more integrated patient care. "Stacey's experience improving performance and outcomes in health systems spans decades, and I am confident she has the vision to lead Scenic Mountain Medical Center into the future," said Sanjay Shetty, MD, President of Steward's South Region. "Her business acumen, leadership skills, and proven track record in the industry and at Steward make her an exceptional fit for the Big Spring Community." "I am excited to expand my leadership role to include the Big Spring community," said Brown. "With my depth of experience in healthcare administration, I am confident I can contribute to Scenic Mountain Medical Center's continued success. I will work in conjunction with the Board of Directors to carry out their vision for addressing the healthcare needs of the citizens of Big Spring and the surrounding areas. I look forward to building lasting relationships with the Board as well as the staff, the physicians, and the community at large as part of ensuring continued access to quality healthcare in Big Spring." A native of West Texas, Brown graduated from Permian High School and then Texas Tech University with a BBA in Accounting. As a CPA who started in public accounting, her last 29 years of experience have been in health care, with 25 of those at ORMC. She has held administrative roles since 1994 including Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and served the last 10 years as Chief Executive Officer/President. She has successfully recruited more than 30 physicians spanning Primary Care, General Surgery, Nephrology,

Orthopedics, Hospitalists, OB/Gyn, Pediatrics, Maternal Fetal Medicine, and other healthcare talent to the Permian Basin. She has been instrumental in launching new service lines, managing facility expansions and leading ORMC through quality achievements including Chest Pain Accreditation, Stroke. Big Spring community for 35 years and continues to be the only full-service health care facility in Howard County. Certification, ISO 9001 Certification, NICU Level III Designation, and currently working towards a Maternity Level III Designation. Brown has served the community on several nonprofit boards including Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center, March of Dimes, the Permian Basin Area Foundation, Grow Odessa, the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, and more. She is the recipient of two Tenet Healthcare Outstanding CFO awards as well as Outstanding Board Member for Harmony Home and



Stacey Brown

See **SMMC**, Page 3

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## Obituaries

### Jerrod Lee Smith

Jerrod Lee Smith, 30, of Fort Worth, formerly of Coahoma passed away Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Brad Daniels officiating. We encourage the wearing of masks, however not required.

He was born Aug. 27, 1989, in Stanton, Texas.

Jerrod graduated from Coahoma High School, and went on to pursue a career as a Field Project Engineer in the DFW area. His career allowed travel all over the U.S. where he was able to enjoy some of his hobbies on the road including camping, fishing, hiking, and hunting. While traveling for work, Jerrod loved to stop and visit family and close friends.

Family was one of the most important values in Jerrod's life. When not working, he was spending time with family and helping others with any type of project. He was the life of every party.

Jerrod was full of life and will be remembered for his sense of humor, caring heart, and energetic



personality.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

Survivors include his parents, Billy and Dena Smith of Coahoma; one grandmother, Charlsye Lynn Smith of Sand Springs; one sister, Brandi Michelle Harris and spouse Josh Reed Harris of Dallas-Fort Worth; one brother, Brandon Jake Smith and wife Sydnie Alexandra Smith of Aledo; two nieces, Blaire Nicole Smith and Ava Louise Harris; two nephews, Jett Landry Smith and Hudson Reed Harris; and a large family of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by both grandfathers, Billy Lee Smith and Horace Carroll Murdock; one grandmother, Margie Lee Murdock; and one aunt, Penny Lynn Smith.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Walter G. Parks

Walter G. Parks, 95, died July 2, 2020, at Springs Ranch Memory Care and Independent Living Community in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was a previous resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He was born Oct. 1, 1924, to George and Helen (Purinton) Parks in Hebron, Connecticut.

Walter graduated from high school in Connecticut during the height of World War II. Upon graduation, he immediately volunteered to be a Bombardier in the Army Air Corp. During his training, Walter met the love of his life, Mary Abernathy, in Big Springs, Texas where they were married.

After World War II ended, Walter and Mary relocated back to Connecticut where Walter completed his BA in Civil Engineering at the University of Connecticut. During college, Walter and Mary began their family and ended up having five sons: Thomas, Jerome, Richard, Robert, and James.

During his career, Walter worked on many large

projects, including the New Jersey Turnpike, multiple Atlas Missile sites, and many water projects for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Walter is preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his sons, Thomas, Richard, and Robert; his daughters-in-law, Vicki (Robert's wife) and Gayle (Richard's wife); his brothers, Robert and Donald; and his sister, Connie.

Walter's surviving family includes his sons, Jerome and James; daughters-in-law, Mary (Thomas' wife) and Camille (Jerome's wife); and his brother, Roger. He also has seven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions in Walter's memory may be made to Del Norte Baptist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Arrangements by The Springs Funeral Services, [tsfs.co](http://tsfs.co)

*Paid Obituary*

### Freddie D. Green

Freddie D. Green, 68, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 16, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Francis Trotter

Francis Trotter, 74, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 17, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Rebecca Huitt

Rebecca Huitt, 80, died Thursday, July 16, 2020. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity memorial Park.

### Marlyn Campbell

Marlyn Campbell, 67, of Big Spring died Friday, July 17, 2020. Pierce Funeral Home in Canton, Oklahoma

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BRITTANY JO HILGER**, 26, of 1309 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROCKY ZARRAGA**, 39, of 1614 Cardinal Street, was arrested on a charge of aggravated robbery, evading arrest/detention MA.
- **CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER JR**, 30, of 7805 N. Service Road, was arrested on a warrant for theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30,000 and burglary of a vehicle.
- **JOHN GLENN HAMILTON**, 32, of 1305 Barnes Avenue, was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a building (x2).
- **JAMESON LEE BILLINGSLEY**, 44, of 208 N Myrl, was arrested on a warrant from other agency
- **ZAKKERY WAYNE TURNER**, 30, of 3509 E. I-20 3, was arrested on a warrant from evading arrest/detention.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block of W. FM 700.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of S. Johnson Street.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported 1700 block of Jennings Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block of Yale Avenue.

## Sheriff

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JAMES LEE BILLINGSLEY**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of building enter/conceal.
- **CLINT BRANDON BOLLIER**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of vehicles and theft of property between \$2,500 .
- **JOHN GLENN HAMILTON**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of a building.
- **BRANDEE JAYE HILGER**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ELI KALANI MCCARTY**, 39, was arrested by DPS on a charge of unlawful carrying weapon and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **ZAKKERY WAYNE TURNER**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of evading arrest detention.
- **ROCKY ZARRAGA**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of MTRP/Evading arrest detention and aggravated robbery.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Lexington. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of Brown Road and Hwy 87. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of MLK Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Cherokee. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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## Take Note

• 2020 Virtual Grain Sorghum Program is set for July 22 at 7 a.m. This is a Zoom based meeting and producers in the Howard County area are welcome to sign up for the program. To sign up for the program, contact your local County Extension Office at 432-264-2236.

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

• The Big Spring YMCA is now offering an opportunity for the youth to get out and enjoy a little out-

door activity, in the evening hours. Starting Tuesday night, the Big Spring YMCA will be opening the water slides in the evening. The schedule will be as follows: Tuesday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday from Noon until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

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Weather



**Today:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 102. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 74. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 99. South wind around 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 98.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 98.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 74.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 97.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 97.

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

Free virtual workshops throughout July will feature distinguished panelists

AUSTIN This month, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) celebrates the 30th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the first comprehensive civil rights law for people with disabilities, prohibiting discrimination in employment, public accommodations, transportation, telecommunications, among others. TWC, in partnership with the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Disability Rights Texas, will present a series of virtual workshops as part of the monthlong event titled "ADA 30 Years - Moving Forward." The celebration culminates with a virtual tour of Texas on July 24 and includes a Texas-sized celebration keynote featuring renowned disability rights educator, activist and chief architect of the ADA Dr. Lex Frieden.

"We take this time to recognize the Americans with Disabilities Act and the foundation it has provided to ensure people with disabilities can fully participate in our communities," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "TWC will continue to support a Texas workforce system that values and acknowledges the contributions of individuals with disabilities."

While most people think of the ADA as the set of laws requiring things like wheelchair ramps, accessible transportation or interpreters, we can also credit the spirit of the ADA for helping to inspire innovations in accessible technology that has improved the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Accommodations in employment required by the ADA help to level the playing field by providing supports for people with disabilities and most accommodations come with minimal costs or changes for employers. Examples of reasonable accommodations include making existing facilities accessible; job restructuring; part-time or modified work schedules; acquiring or modifying equipment, training materials, or policies; and providing qualified readers or interpreters.

Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau are that one in four Americans, or 61 million adults, have a disability and 19.6 million people between 21-64 with a disability. In Texas, 9.7 percent of working age Texans between 21-64 have a disability or about 1.5 million people. As of June 2020, the unemployment rate for people with a disability was 17.6 percent, as compared to 11.1 percent for people without a disability.

"Businesses that make inclusion a priority in their hiring processes, not only benefit their business, but they send a clear message to their workforce and local community that everyone's abilities are valued," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. "The influence of

businesses and employers can have an immeasurable impact on decreasing the unemployment rate among individuals with disabilities. "I encourage Texas businesses to connect with the VR and Workforce Professionals at their local Workforce Solutions Office to discover ways that can be assisted in making inclusion a priority."

As Texas employers make plans for their future business and workforce needs, accommodation and inclusion will be important factors in building teams that are innovative and adaptable so that they can look at old problems in new and different ways. Individuals with disabilities are experienced problem solvers with a proven ability to adapt.

"As we commemorate this milestone of the 30th anniversary of the ADA, this year also marks the 75th observance of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "This year's theme is 'Increasing Access and Opportunity.' That is a mission that TWC takes to heart throughout the year. Our mission is to serve all Texans. I encourage job seekers, employers and anyone wanting to learn more to participate in one of the many ADA webinars this month."

Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational Rehabilitation Services (TWS-VRS) partners with the Texas Workforce System to support job seekers with disabilities as they prepare for, obtain or maintain competitive integrated employment. To find a VR office, please visit [www.texas.gov/VRNearMe](http://www.texas.gov/VRNearMe).

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Aaron Rodriquez, 42, died Monday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Prayer Service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Rebecca Huitt, 80, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity memorial Park.

Freddie D. Green, 68, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Francis Trotter, 74, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marlyn Campbell, 67, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

ISAIAH

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to Stinson the food will be ready to go, but in an effort to keep all involved to limited interaction, those receiving supplies will now be placing them in their own vehicles.

"We are also now asking everyone who comes through for services to wear a mask, which will also help slow the spread, as we deal with the coronavirus pandemic together," she said.

With limited resources available and an increasing demand on services, in order to help ensure the maximum number of families are able to receive services, the distribution will go to one distribution per 30 days. Those who are showing up to pick up items on distribution day will also

need to have a form of identification with them.

"We appreciate the support that we have been given through all of this, and we ask for continued support," Stinson said. "We ask that all who come through continue to act in a courteous manner and remember those that are involved are volunteers and that Isaiah 58 runs strictly off of donations and volunteered time."

With Isaiah 58 relying solely on donations, Stinson extends an invitation to anyone who would like to support the food pantry to do so in monetary donations at this time. With item donations there is a sanitation process that has to be taken and delays those items from being put into circulation. Monetary donations will be used to purchase food items from the West Texas Food Bank. Also,

those who are wanting to volunteer are encouraged to contact Stinson for more information at 432-263-4758 or 432-256-0592.

Anything will help Isaiah 58 provide for the community and make sure no families are left behind. Stinson strongly urges families to bring their vehicle to pick up the boxes or ask someone to come pick up their box.

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SMMC

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Volunteer of the Year for the March of Dimes. She was a recipient of the Women of Distinction award from the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest and the Athena Leadership Award from the Odessa Chamber of Commerce. Stacey is a Community Pillar for the United Way of Odessa and is currently Chair-Elect of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She is most proud of her recent participation in the Dancing with the West Texas Stars fundraiser benefitting the Permian Basin Crisis Center where she raised over \$80,000 to support the Crisis Center's operations. Stacey is married to Michael and together they have 3 daughters and 2 sons, ranging from 15 to 26 years of age.

Brown replaces Emma Krabill who announced that she would be leaving her position to accept a new opportunity as CEO of Doctors Hospital of Laredo in Laredo, Texas. SMMC and Steward Health Care would like to thank Emma Krabill for her leadership and dedication to SMMC and the Big Spring community over the course of five years.



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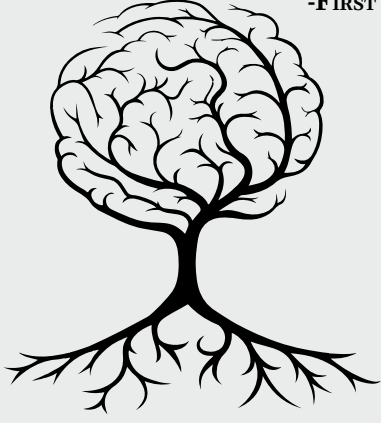
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*Amen*

# Exploring Texas underground

**B**ill Bentley of Midland belongs to a spelunking group that explores Texas caves. He has been in dark places beneath Texas 40 years.

“I went with some friends back in May of 1980 into some caves near Carlsbad, New Mexico. While we were caving that weekend I got bit by the cave bug.”

He's been to a bunch of caves, mostly in Texas and Eastern New Mexico. But he has also done caving in Missouri, Arkansas and other states. He has had some interesting adventures.

“I've seen some awfully pretty places. It's really exciting to find what is called virgin passage when your eyes are the first ones to ever view a new cave or a new area of an established cave. It's a thrill to know that no other human has ever

looked at what you're seeing. That's when the exploring really pays off.”

He says Midland is a good place for cavers because you can go 200 miles in almost any direction to find lots of caves.

“New Mexico's Lincoln National Forest has some of what I call world class caves. They're highly decorated and extremely deep. You have to have ropes to get in and out.”

Bill admits that one of the most beautiful caves in Texas is Sonora Caverns. It gets loads of tourists especially in the summer because people are looking for a cool place.

It's also warmer than the outside temperature in winter. It's not as deep as some of the caves Bill has visited.

“There's a place in Carlsbad Caverns called Lake of the Clouds. It's the lowest point in Carlsbad Caverns, somewhere around 1,100 feet.

Rocks are arranged to look like clouds and there's water all around below. It's a beautiful

area. It's also quite warm because we're closer to the center of the earth.”

Bill has discovered some new caves.

“Caves are being found all the time. I've found 3 or 4 in my 40 years of exploring. Down in Terrell County we found a cave called Troll Cave, which turned out to be the 11th deepest cave in the state. We explored it thoroughly. In 1981 we found one that had never been fully explored before called the Wizard's Well. It was on one of the last exploring trips in there before the landowner shut it down.

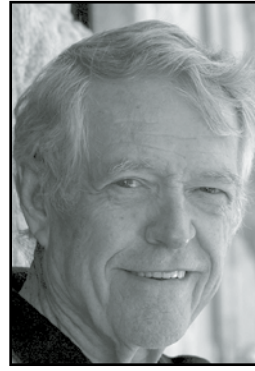
We were in there 28 or 30 hours non-stop, just constantly going.”

He says Texas has so many caves there's no way to get to all of them.

“I think there's something like 20,000 caves in Texas. Some are quite small, but I'd like to try to go to all of them. It would take a lifetime to do that.”

The walls of Bill's house have some of the dramatic photos he has taken underground.

Some have won national awards.



**TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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What is it's incentive and potential for Big Spring? While driving Big Spring's Big Spring's Ports to Plains Director from Big Spring to Canadian border - then to Mexico, I did a lot of overhearing while sitting in chairs near Directors couches. Ports to Plains is an enormously complex and talented leader group. On a personal level, I equate IS27 and its future importance with the refinery, Veterans Hospital, State Hospital, Veterans Home and other industries.

Perhaps CRMWD might be the exception - it appears it may outlast the fossil fuel era. The mind wonders back to Big Spring's Mayor Dabney, his homestead land now part of a bank Drive in. Little did we know in 1950 - lakes, beginning with Thomas, would water West Texas eventually even changing the character of sewage and lake water, in some instances, water more pure than rain. That is the kind of foresight and wisdom Big Spring could use today. Intersteae 27 crossing INTERstate 20 will define Big Spring - not only as a nation crossroads but a place where much can be done between the commerce of three nations of USA, Canada and Meixco. It could even become a form of ambassador commerce center. It will bring the world to Big Spring's doorstep; it will invest Big Spring with a share of federal trnsportation taxes. It's already the short-

est vertical distance to a major US & Mexico Port and take advantage of already installed infrastructure. It should lead to more econoimcal and variety of food and energy prices. It woud diversify Big Spring's industries. It would elevate Big Spring up with the likes of Interstates to Houston, Dallas/Ft. Worth, San Antonio and others -to approximately six or seventh place in the entire state of Texas. It would lead Big Spring through the electrical transportation age and even to transportation forms of the next century soe perhaps unknown today. Open your travel catalog. Note the directions of Interstates. For the most paret - they represent federal/government routes very likely the direction of tommorrows decades and generations. Unstated here are many more advantages to Big Spring. It's recalled the 1950s, this elderly one, as a teenager used to drive the cotton tree lined route to the city landfill and Cosden. The drive was often lonely few vechicles used the roadway. then US 80 became I-20. In closing, let this article applaud the wisdom and persistence of a Bill Crooker and a Gloria who gave of themselves, their financial resources, time, lengthy volunteerism and gernous commitment providing Big Spring wth the opportunity of another interstate.

*Bobby McDonald  
Big Spring.*

## Improvement on silence

**M**y late father, T. J. Newbury, was a grand story teller. Friends and neighbors in Early, TX, gave him high marks for joke-telling, and so do I.

Usually, hearty “ho-ho's” erupted when the punch line was unleashed, but on the rare occasions when silence hung heavy and listeners looked blankly as if ghosts had been seen, he had a back-up plan.

At such times, he'd laugh at himself, contending that if he didn't think the story to be worthy of eliciting considerable glee, he wouldn't have told it in the first place.

He's been gone nigh onto 30 years now, having lived most of his 83 years in rural settings, where entertainment generally was “home-made,” radio was king and our scant record library included a few 78 rpm discs. (When the needle was placed on the records, one couldn't stray far, since there was nothing automatic about phonographs back in the day. Dad always called it a “gramophone” machine.)

Friday nights, such technical advancements were silenced as families gathered to play “42,” as well as listen to my dad's jokes and stories.

He was always ready to “lead out,” sometimes re-telling jokes they'd heard him tell repeatedly, but found them to be funny each time. (Keep in mind that radio personalities of the day leaned on some of the same sounds and expressions every week.)... Examples included crashes and gongs heard weekly when

the closet door was opened on “Fibber McGee and Molly.” Invariably, the radio show always featured Molly's patented observation of her hubby: “Taint funny, McGee.”

We listened to several radio comedies Mondays through Thursdays, partially to give Dad a break.

One of his favorites never grew old-to him or to his friends. It concerned how prisoners passed so much time joke-telling, they decided to assign numbers to the jokes, then merely call out the numbers (as if it was important to save time)....

One day, a prisoner called out “Number 839.” His associates howled. Another offered “727,” and again, there was riotous laughter. The number “424” merited the same response. Then, a timid inmate decided to try “649.”

Silence reigned; there was zero response. Bumfuzzled, the guy asked why no one laughed.

“Some can tell ‘em and some can't,” another man answered....

Dad maintained that when he told a joke, it needed to be an improvement on silence.

Never mind that was Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi's opinion, expressed a half-century earlier.

Think about it. A generation ago, we had less noise. Today, our ears work over time, processing sounds that bombard, indoors and outside.....

There are so many, in fact, that we have ground rules at our house.

Two examples include use of battery-powered toothbrushes and kitchen disposals.

My wife of almost 54 years knows it to be pointless to ask a question or offer a suggestion when I'm brushing my teeth. Unless she's screaming, I can't begin to hear her. (She's of the same opinion when she's brushing.)

Similarly, when one is watching the news (or sporting events if they are ever live again in America), it is not a good time for the other spouse to be using the disposal, particularly if trying to cram down watermelon rinds. (Also important is “turn-taking,” relative to answering doorbells, as well as responding to emails, texts and chore lists posted on the refrigerator door.)...

Do we not all yearn to again hear brooks babbling, rapids rushing, cows mooing, horses neighing, crickets chirping, frogs croaking, birds singing and roosters crowing? Throw in mental pictures of serene settings, perhaps marked by star-filled skies as lightning bugs skittered about. Recall, too, grand sunsets and sunrises.

Perhaps most needed are storm clouds billowing overhead, with lightning flashing across darkened skies.

Such might remind leaders of the world's largest corporations-along with the least of us, fellow brethren—who truly is Chairman of the Board.

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# Rosters announced for Midland Rockhounds' High School Senior Series



By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Last week it was revealed that the Midland Rockhounds would be hosting the 2020 High School Senior Series at Momentum Bank Ballpark.

The weekend of four teams competing against each other is supposed to be a way to bring a sense of normal back to our everyday lives while also giving recent high school graduates who were unable to finish out their playing careers on their own terms one last chance to take the diamond.

Yes, some of the players participating in the Series will be going on to play baseball at the collegiate level. However, the majority of these players are just looking to take the field so that they can play the game that they have grown to love so much.

"The main thing is to just get out on that field one last time and be able to finish strong," Big Spring and Dingers coach Daniel Carrillo said.

Carrillo will be the coach of the Dingers and will have one Steer, Timmy Banks, on his 14-man roster. Gaige Hill from Coahoma will also be a player on Carrillo's team and that will create a very talented Howard County ballplayer duo for Carrillo's team on the diamond next weekend.

"I just told him not to wear that Coahoma red," Carrillo said jokingly.

The Big Spring Skipper also has a pair of Seminole Indians as well as a pair of Permian Panthers to move around on the field.

The other two Big Spring Steers who are participating in the Senior Series will also be split up onto different squads. Tristan Wright will be a member of the Frozen Ropes while Joshua Wood will be playing for the Velocity.

Other Howard County recent graduates that will be playing next weekend are Coahoma's Avry Burgans (Frozen Ropes), Jon Schneider and Zack Schneider (Aces), and Taylor Barnes (Velocity).

There is plenty of talent spread throughout all of the rosters and some of the players have committed to continuing their baseball careers in college.

Three of Carrillo's players will be playing at the next level. Trace Blue, a talented pitcher that went to Midland Christian, will be taking his talents to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi next year. The second player is Isaiah Flores from Permian. He plays mostly in the infield and will be playing for Odessa College in the future. Finally, Logan Thompson from Midland Lee will be moving onto play at Westminster, which is a Division III program in Missouri.

One thing can be assured: Carrillo is pumped up to be coaching a talented group of players such as the one he will lead into the ballpark next weekend.

"It's an All-Star game so there are going to be some situations where kids may have to play out of position," Carrillo said. "I don't know every kid but I know most of them. Fortunately, Timmy is on my team. I didn't have a chance to get the other two but I got at least one so it's going to be good."

Each team was randomly selected and was made to be as evenly-matched as possible. Most of the consideration went into not taking too many players who all played the same position. The coaches also wanted to take into consideration that each team had enough pitching to be productive over the two-day tournament.

Carrillo will have one pitcher on his team next Wednesday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m. at D-BAT Permian Basin in Odessa.

That will be the first time that Carrillo will get to meet a large part of his roster. After months without leading a team onto the field to play the game he loves, Carrillo will now return to his coaching role with a team that he is very impressed with on paper.

"I'm really excited," Carrillo said. "I honestly do feel like I have the best team. Now, we'll find that out. But I think I do."

With the upcoming weekend full of baseball, the Midland Rockhounds have given the Permian Basin community a sporting event to look forward to. After months of a world without sports, these talented ballplayers will get one last chance to take to the diamond and impress the fans around West Texas.

Each team will play three games in a two-day, round-robin format.

Social distancing will be enforced and fans are required to wear a face mask at all times except while sitting in their seats. Tickets will be \$8 per session or \$20 for the weekend for adults, and \$5 per session or \$12 for the weekend for kids and students.

### Next weekend's schedule:

**Friday:** Frozen Ropes vs. Dingers (6:00)  
Aces vs. Velocity (8:30)

**Saturday:** Velocity vs. Frozen Ropes (9:00)  
Dingers vs. Aces (11:30)  
Dingers vs. Velocity (6:00)  
Frozen Ropes vs. Aces (8:30)

Shawn Moran is the sports writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Frozen Ropes		
Head Coach: Bobby Alvarez (Lamesa)		
Position	Player	School
P	Bryan Adams	Andrews
P	Hagan Holly	Midland Christian
P/1B	Brian Ramirez	Permian
P/OF/1B	Reese Alford	Lee
OF/P	Earl Neufeld	Seminole
SS/3B/P	Isaiah Enriquez	Seminole
C	Isiah Ramirez	Odessa
SS/2B	Jorge Alvarez	Monahans
IF	Caden Bedrick	Permian
1B	Tristan Wright	Big Spring
OF/2B	Elijah Garcia	Lamesa
OF/P/1B	Avry Burgans	Coahoma
C/2B	Stran Stewart	Stanton
3B/SS/2B	Dominic Fernandez	Midland

Aces		
Head Coach: Jeremy Mueller (Midland)		
Position	Player	School
P	Angel Rios	Odessa
P	Mikel McQueen	Midland Christian
P/1B	Kyler Wagaman	Midland
P/OF	Seth Hernandez	Andrews
C/P/1B	Austin Rivera	Lee
OF/P	Brecken Swimmer	Seminole
C	Javy Valenciana	Permian
SS	Gibrian Pena	Odessa
OF/C	Dylan Stokes	Seminole
CF/SS/2B	Brendon Cerna	Crane
DH/1B	Jon Schneider	Coahoma
CF	Zack Schneider	Coahoma
1B/3B/OF	Ethan Quaid	Stanton
2B/1B	Augi Panalez	Greenwood

Dingers		
Head Coach: Daniel Carrillo (Big Spring)		
Position	Player	School
P	Landyn Sterling	Permian
P	Alex Froese	Seminole
P/1B	Trace Blue	Midland Christian
1B/P	Ryan Stimmel	Seminole
C/P	Hunter Manning	Andrews
SS/2B/P	Isaiah Flores	Permian
C	Gaige Hill	Coahoma
2B	Niko Rubio	Lee
1B/DH	Logan Thompson	Lee
1B	Hervey Nieto	Odessa
OF	Timmy Banks	Big Spring
3B/DH	Jaden Lehze	Crane
OF	Caden Corzine	Midland Classical
Utility	David Ochoa	Stanton

Velocity		
Head Coach: Robert Morris (Andrews)		
Position	Player	School
P	Hunter Beltran	Permian
P/1B	Thomas Bolin	Monahans
P/1B	Taylor Barnes	Coahoma
C/1B/2B	Joshua Wood	Big Spring
C/P	Daniel Yandrich	Midland Christian
C	Taylor Sullivan	Permian
2B/3B	Jarrett Gutwell	Seminole
SS/2B	Santos Gutierrez	Crane
1B	Michael Hinojosa	Lee
OF	Brennan Bennett	Andrews
CF	Zack Attaway	Odessa
IF/OF	Easton Hernandez	Permian
Utility	Garrett Vanderveen	Stanton
P/SS	Alex Lara	Ozona

## TPWD seeks public input on potential catfish regulations

AUSTIN -The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is requesting feedback from the public on a new suite of potential harvest regulation options for blue and channel catfish. The goal is to obtain input from anglers on these options before proposing any changes to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission early next year.

"A team of TPWD fisheries biologists have worked for the past two years to review our current catfish regulations with the goals of continuing to provide good angling, meeting current angler needs, and reducing the number of regulations," said Dave Terre, TPWD's Fish Management Chief. "Obtaining feedback and making sure any new regulation options are acceptable to anglers is an important step in these ongoing efforts."

These potential options were recently presented in webinars to a group of catfish anglers, fishing guides, and outdoor writers to discuss and get their input (see link to recording of webinar at end of the release).

The first option would modify the current statewide regulations for blue and channel

catfish of a 12-inch minimum length limit and a 25-fish daily bag limit that combines both species. The potential new statewide regulation would remove the minimum length limit (fish of any length could be harvested) and retain the 25-fish daily bag. However, of the 25 blue or channel catfish that could be harvested per day, anglers would be limited to harvesting no more than 10 fish that measure 20 inches or longer.

Based on population data collected by biologists, this statewide regulation would apply to about 80 percent of reservoirs and rivers. Catfish populations in these waters are generally characterized by average growth and abundance with some of these waters producing some large fish for anglers to catch.

"We know from our statewide catfish survey that most catfish anglers prefer catching a bunch of catfish to eat," said Dave Terre. "This regulation addresses what those anglers want and can be used on many of our state's waters. It will also take advantage of what the catfish populations in those locations can provide based on fish growth rates and

abundance."

Terre added, "We recognize that limiting the number of catfish 20 inches or longer that could be harvested will be a new idea to many anglers. Impacts from that change will be low as we know from our angler harvest data that few anglers harvest more than 10 catfish over 20 inches on any given trip. We believe this new statewide regulation will be well suited for many water bodies and provide the type of fishing that the majority of anglers want."

Finally, there is a group of reservoirs, which account for about 10 percent of all waters, that have excellent catfish populations with many large fish. Once again, the harvest regulations would be somewhat similar to the potential new statewide regulations. There would be no minimum length limit and anglers could harvest up to 25 catfish per day.

Harvest of catfish 20 inches or longer would continue to be restricted. Under this regulation, anglers would be limited to harvesting no more than five fish

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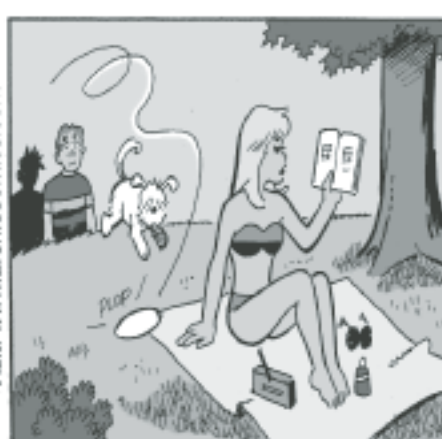
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# Check this out, at the library this week

Join us on Facebook on Wednesday at 10 a.m. as we welcome back the Science Spectrum, they will share another awesome science demonstration that puts classic stories to the test.

This week's craft includes a science kit from the Science Spectrum that relates to their presentation, be sure to come by the circulation desk and pick up a free kit starting Monday at 10 a.m.

On Tuesday join us for Storyland and listen to stories. Also, check out Code Club, registration is free and participants can sign in at any time. The Code Club registration link is on our webpage on the "Summer Reading June 1-Aug 5" section along with more information about Summer Reading Program.

This week's reviews include large print fiction.

After a meticulous planned prison break, more than a thousand convicts rape, murder, and destroy a nearby small town- burning down homes and businesses in "A Small Town" (LP F PER T) By Thomas Perry. An immense search ensues, but the twelve who plotted it all get away.

Local cop Leah Hawkins, a six-foot, two inch former basketball player, is placed on official sabbatical. That is merely a ruse, however, as her real job is to track and kill the infamous twelve. Leah's mission takes her across the country, from Florida to New York, from California to an anti-government settlement deep in the Ozarks. Soon, the surviving

fugitives realize what she is up to, and a race to kill or be killed ensues.

Libby needs a break in "Lost You" (LP F BEC H) By Haylen Beck.

Three years ago her husband split, leaving her to raise their infant son, Ethan alone. Now for the first time in years, things are looking up and she and Ethan are going on a much needed vacation. So why can't she stop looking over her shoulder? Is it because Libby has never told anyone the full story of what happened when Ethan was born? On vacation, Ethan wanders into an elevator before Libby can reach him. When the elevator doors open, Ethan is gone. Hours later, Ethan is seen with a woman stepping through an emergency exit. The police track the woman down, but she refuses to release Ethan. Asked who she is, the woman replies: "I'm his mother."

Four stories that cross the country with tales of sweet romance in "Serving Up Love" (LP F PET T) A Four in one Harvey House Brides Collection By Tracie Peterson, Karen Witemeyer, Regina Jennings, Jen Turano. Tracie Peterson offers A Flood of Love, where reuniting with an old flame after more than a decade offers unexpected results.

In Karen Witemeyer's More than a Pretty Face, a young woman works her hardest to escape poor choices from her youth. Regina Jennings' Intrigue a la Mode is a tale of a young woman determined to help support her family, despite warnings of danger nearby.

And Jen Turano's Grand Encounters heads to the Grand Canyon with a tale of a society belle intent

on finding a new life for herself.

"Christmas Sweets" (LP F FLU J) By Joanne Fluke gathers three stories of mystery, murder and romance in one volume.

In Joanne Fluke's The Twelve Desserts of Christmas, someone has it in for two love struck school teachers, but Hannah Swenson Comes to the rescue with her sleuthing skills-and festive recipes. In Nightmare on Elf Street by Laura Levine, Jaine Austen's gig as Santa's elf goes from bad to worse when Santa is found murdered- and Jaine is a suspect. Now all Jaine wants for Christmas is to find the real killer.

Leslie Meier's The Christmas Thief involves missing jewels at a Yule ball at the Florida hotel where Elizabeth Stone works. The police are questioning Elizabeth, so it's a good thing her mother, Lucy Stone, is there. 'Tis the season for a little investigating.

"A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counselor, a multitude of counselors." - Charles Baudelaire

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## FISH

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20 inches or longer and only one of those fish could be 30 inches or longer.

"Since 2016, anglers at Lake Tawakoni have had similar limits on the number of catfish they can keep over certain, specified lengths," said Tibbs. "For Tawakoni and other reservoirs where we have enacted similar regulations, anglers have expressed their support."

"We currently have about a dozen reservoirs that would be suitable for this regulation, although additional research currently underway may slightly increase this number," Tibbs continued. "We have documented that there is a group of catfish anglers who like to fish for larger catfish and want to see the abundance of those fish increase. This regulation is designed to accomplish

this by reducing harvest on catfish between 20 and 30 inches. In addition to increasing the abundance of large blue catfish and the opportunity to catch one, it will also maintain channel catfish populations at levels that should provide good angling."

Catfish regulations not being considered for modification at this time include those for flathead catfish, community fishing lakes (small local ponds and lakes), waters shared with Oklahoma and Louisiana (Texoma, Toledo Bend, and Caddo), and the regulation on Lake Tawakoni.

The public can view the webinar on the TPWD YouTube channel to learn more about these potential regulations. Questions or comments can be directed to John Tibbs ([John.tibbs@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:John.tibbs@tpwd.texas.gov)). Biologists will consider all public input and any additional information before proposing any changes to the TPW Commission at the January 20, 2021 meeting.

For more information on catfish in Texas, checkout the TPWD Catfish Management Plan.

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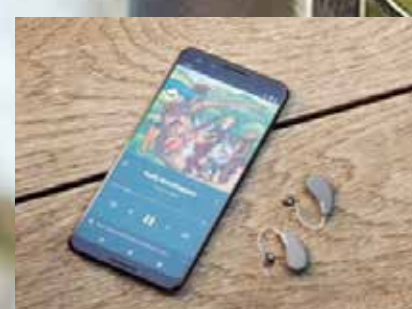
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## WEAR YOUR MASK ... SLOW THE SPREAD HOWARD COUNTY SHOWS OFF UNIQUE MASK DESIGNS

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Governor Gregg Abbott issued a state-wide mandate for masks to be worn while in public where social distancing is not feasible.

Local health officials along with state and national representatives and health care experts have been encouraging face mask coverings for the past few months. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued several handouts, promotional outreach statements and guidance on the proper way to wear a mask.

According to the CDC, when wearing a cloth face mask covering, the mask should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of your face; be secured with ties or ear loops and include multiple layers of fabric. The mask should allow for breathing without restriction – which is why there are those who have medical conditions who are exempt from wearing a mask – and be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change in shape.

In addition to the Governor's mandate, the CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain – grocery stores, pharmacies, and other high volume places – especially in the communities where cases are significant.

In recent weeks, Howard County has seen an in-

crease in cases and testing. The community leaders and health officials continue to encourage face mask coverings and some retailers – Walmart and H-E-B – have implemented policies where masks must be worn to enter the store.

In addition to face coverings, proper handy hygiene is encouraged – washing your hands with warm water and soap and the use of hand sanitizer. The CDC has recommended that when in public, hands should be kept away from the face, specifically ears, eyes and mouth.

When it comes to cloth face coverings on children, the recommendation is not to place face coverings on children under the age of 2. Governor Abbott's mandate only included children 10 and older to wear face masks. Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance should not wear a face covering.

When it comes to removing the face covering it is important to do so properly in order to reduce the spread of germs. When removing the mask be careful not to touch eyes, nose and mouth. After the mask has been removed hands should be washed immediately.

For more information regarding face coverings, coronavirus information or more, visit the CDC website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).



Courtesy photo submitted by Jennifer Peacock  
Decided if she is going to wear a mask that is going to lighten the mood and spread some cheer as she does her part to slow the spread.

Courtesy photo submitted by Tiffany Crawford

Pictured at left: Tiffany Crawford and her daughter show off their stylish face masks as they head out to spend some time together and make some memories.

Courtesy photo submitted by Brookelynn Hale  
Pictured below: As Brookelynn Hale prepared to receive her diploma she let a little bit of her fashionista side shine through for her big day.



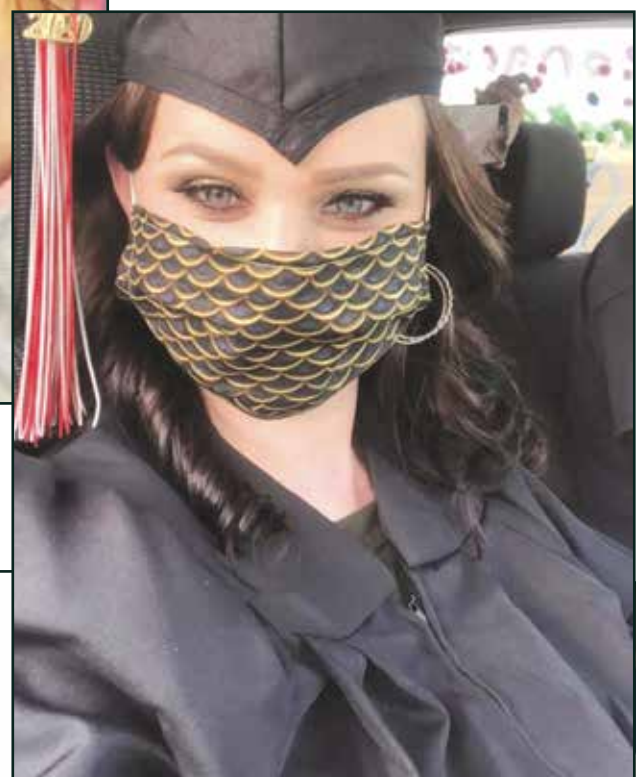
Courtesy photo submitted by Laura Carson

Carson submitted a photo of her sporting her mask for when she heads out into her work day to help slow the spread.



Courtesy photo submitted by Maricela Lopez Gonzales

A little bit of patriotism shines through as Maricela Lopez Gonzales heads out with her mask on.



Courtesy photo submitted by Sally Grant

Sally Grant works at Encompass Hospice and is dealing with a high-risk population and makes sure to wear her mask as she heads out to her daily activities. Her mask shows her faith and states an opinion. She continues to do her part in helping to slow the spread as the nation and Howard County fights the pandemic.



Courtesy photo submitted by Joseph Martinez

A little team spirit shines through on Joseph Martinez's mask as he supports the Dallas Cowboys.

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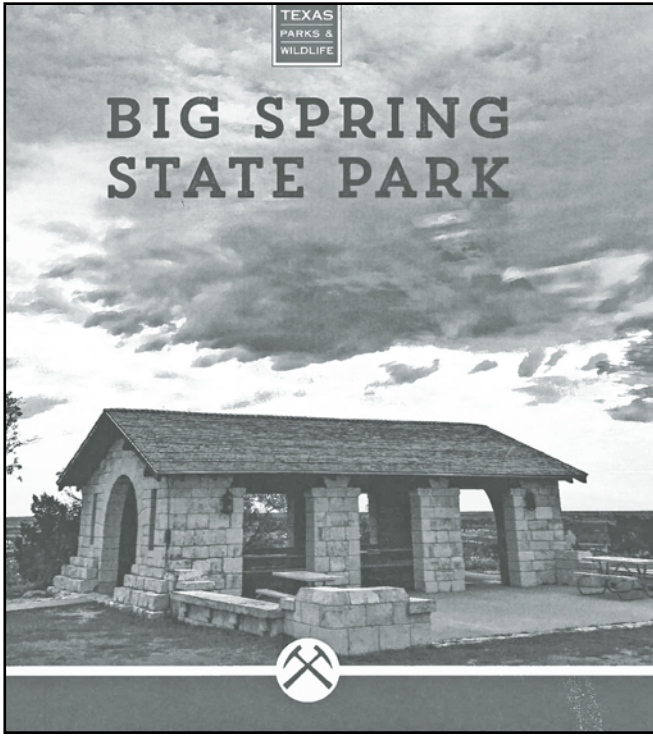
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# Carved in History - local treasure in Big Spring



By **JUDY TERELETSKY**

Howard SWCD District Clerk

I have written several times about our local treasures, one of which is our State Park which locals refer to as Scenic Mountain.

Many residents of Big Spring take advantage of our State Park hiking and biking trails, but few take time to really enjoy the history of the mountain.

The impact of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) is obvious in the park structures and the limestone lined road. Established under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the CCC was designed to provide employment for young men 18 to 25 who could not afford college during the Depression. The CCC worked on creating and maintaining the natural parks.

Roads, parks, murals, swimming pools, wind-breaks, and even sewage plants were created with the goal of employing out of work men and women. They were paid roughly \$30 a month, but in most cases the workers kept \$5 and \$25 went back home to take care of families.

*Courtesy image*

The Guide to Historic Rock Carvings on Scenic Mountain State Park or at the Heritage Museum. This publication was created by a group of locals who wanted to make sure the deep history on Scenic Mountain was preserved and shared with others.

## The respiratory disease can be serious, and horse owners need to protect their animals.

COLLEGE STATION – Since the first vaccine was invented in 1796, the practice of immunization has transformed how we view infectious diseases, taking many pathogenic invaders from being deadly threats to easily preventable maladies. For humans and animals alike, vaccines are important healthcare tools.

Dr. Leslie Easterwood, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says the equine strangles vaccine is one that is of particular importance for horse owners in protecting their animal.

“Strangles is the common term for the bacterial respiratory disease caused by *Streptococcus equi*, subspecies *equi*,” Easterwood said. “Strangles infections most commonly present as an upper respiratory infection that primarily involves the lymph nodes in a horse’s jaw. Symptoms include high fevers, thick nasal discharge, depression and a lack of appetite.”

The bacteria that causes strangles in horses may sound familiar to their human owners; a cousin of this bacteria, called *Streptococcus pyogenes*, causes strep throat in people.

Though these bacteria are genetically similar and cause upper respiratory symptoms in both species, horses with strangles cannot infect humans, and humans with strep throat cannot infect horses.

“Strangles is spread via respiratory secretions from infected horses,” Easterwood said. “It is highly contagious from horse to horse and is pretty common.”

Since strangles is easily transmitted between horses, vaccination is an important tool for minimizing the spread of this disease.

“Although the disease rarely results in a fatality, it will make horses sick and can lead to loss of production, decreased performance and quarantine, in some circumstances,” Easterwood said. “Vaccination does not provide complete protection, as with all vaccinations, but it can help to decrease the chance of contracting the disease in suscep-

tible populations.”

Since horses are often kept in groups — grazing together at pasture, sharing pens or neighbored in stalls — contagious diseases can quickly work their way through a herd. As such, vaccination remains an essential tool for both individual and herd health.

Ultimately, the decision of whether to vaccinate an animal comes down to the owner, Easterwood says, although there might be situations during which a third party takes interest in a horse’s vaccination records.

“There are no governmentally mandated vaccinations in horses,” Easterwood said. “Some boarding and breeding facilities will require vaccination to board at their location, but that is not a legal requirement.”

Even if no legal requirement enforces the vaccination of horses, owners should still consider consulting with their veterinarian to determine what care is best for maintaining the health of their animal.

*Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be found on the Pet Talk website. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.*

With the onset of World War II, the Civilian Conservation Corp was shut down or streamlined, however its creations have lasted for decades.

Their creations which have lasted through the ages are not just buildings and roads. While stationed at our state park in the 1930’s, one of the troopers from the Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1857 carved a piece of artwork into the natural stone.

It depicted the American Eagle, although I grew up knowing it as an American Indian Thunderbird.

This carving is one of many showcased in a publication created by local lovers of the park.

The Guide to Historic Rock Carvings on Scenic Mountain is available from our Park Superintendent Ron Alton (and at the Heritage Museum).

I recently learned this publication received the Outstanding Interpretive Site Publication Regional Award for 2019 from the National Association for Interpretation.

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## Birth announcement

**JOANNA BETH BREMER**

Sarah Beth Dunn Bremer and Craig Michael



Bremer of Spring, Texas proudly announce the birth of their first child, Joanna Beth Bremer.

Joanna arrived at 2:52 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at Hermann Memorial Hospital in Houston, Texas.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents and aunt are Michael, Amy and Katie Dunn of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Lois Bremer of Sugar Land, Texas.

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# Highlighting Howard Co. Business

## Continuing a tradition ... Splurge Boutique serving Howard County

By CARRIE HARVELL

Herald Contributing Writer

It's been said: Men go shopping to buy what they want... Women go shopping to find out what they want!

That type of thinking mentality is what retail stores thrive off of and that is how connections are formed when it comes to small town boutiques especially. Being able to walk into a store and form a connection with the one behind the counter often times makes the experience. That type of experience is what can be found in many of the locally owned boutiques in Howard County, including Splurge Boutique – a local store locate that just switched ownership.

A boutique is a small store that sells stylish clothing, jewelry or other 'luxury' goods. The word is French for 'shop'. Boutique became a common term in the late 1960's and by the 1990's retail stores began tailoring a shop towards a lifestyle theme.

Splurge, located at 308 Scurry, is the absolute definition of a boutique. Dana Johnson and her sister Angela Newton opened May 1. Splurge was originally opened seven years ago by Kristin Partee and her sister Ginny Ellis. Dana who worked in the Administrative office of the local school district found herself visiting the store often; first because of her daughter then more often because she enjoyed visiting with the sisters and other customers. When she got close to retirement, she joked with them that she was just going to come hang out all the time. It was at that time that Partee and Ellis offered a proposition to Johnson.

"They suggested I purchase the store," Dana Johnson said. "I talked it over with my sister Angela, and we agreed to buy it." Johnson continued, "It is basically the same Splurge. Kristin and Ginny did a great job and we are going to carry on the legacy. We have some big shoes to fill."

According to Johnson, the boutique specializes in handmade items – beyond just fashion - and unique products such as handmade soaps and lotions, beard balm, candy, candles, BBQ sauce, T-shirts and coming soon apple butter. All the items they

bring in are are small business features that are showcased.

"We think it is important to support other small business," she said. "Every time you make a purchase in a small business an actual person does a happy dance. We are not competing with the other boutiques here; we each have our own niche. We both have daughters who keep us on track with trendy clothes and gifts."

Splurge carries a wide range of sizes, including newborn to 4X. The inventive window displays and interior décor forms Splurge's image and identity while adding a sense of fun and discovery to the shopping experience.



HERALD photo/Carrie Harvell

**Dana Johnson (pictured above) and her sister Angela Newton recently became the owners of Splurge Boutique, following in the footsteps of two other sisters who started the business a few years ago.**

they walk in we know what they are looking for. We feel like our customers are friends and want them to feel at home. It is especially important to us that our customers give us feedback on what they like or would like to see us offer."

Splurge hosts a Facebook live every Thursday at 7 p.m. where certain items are featured from the boutique. Sometime a discount code is offered, and there is always a sale going on.

"We just started a baby registry. The new mom-to-be can come in, pick what she wants, and we will have it here in the store and list it on Facebook for friends and relatives who may live somewhere else

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# Public Records

## Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

- Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
- Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
- Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring
- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
- Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
- Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
- John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
- Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
- Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
- Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
- Gloria Cerna, P.O. Box 55, Lamesa
- Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa
- Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.
- Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
- Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
- Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
- Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
- Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
- Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
- Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin
- Clayton W. Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E Parker, Midland
- Joanna Esparza, 501 S.Tackitt Seymour, Texas
- Carol W. Evans, 809 E 33rd, Plainview, Texas
- Chris M. Fagan, 3508 W. Eighth St., Amarillo
- Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
- Leza Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
- Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
- Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
- Juana Fierro, 406 N. W. 5th St., Big Spring
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- Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
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- Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second St., Stanton, Texas
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- Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
- Jennifer Gonzales, 2616 Hunter Dr., Big Spring
- James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
- Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
- Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
- Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
- John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring
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- Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring
- Christine Henderson, 420 N. El Paso
- Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
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- Scott Herrera, 4608 Ash St, Big Spring
- Billy Dean Hill, 7117 Alissa, Rowlett, Texas
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- Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
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- Jim Bob Jennings, 4446 Ridgecrest Amarillo 9001 Indiana Apt D, Lubbock
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- Cynthia Lee Kent, Moved to Newport News, Virginia
- Kayle R. Lane, P.O. Box 83965, Waco
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- Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring
- Ruben Lopez Jr., 107 Milburn St., Snyder, Texas
- Clifford G. Lowe, 501 Circle, Big Spring
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- Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

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# Texas Business and Economic Development organizations launch Texas Return To Work Initiative

*Employer resource guide and surveys are first coordinated local, regional, and statewide effort to assist public and private sector economic first responders*

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN -- Today, the Texas Association of Business (TAB), Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC), Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE), North Texas Commission (NTC), and a growing list of Texas economic development stakeholders launched the Texas Return to Work Initiative, a direct response to meet employer and employee needs during the COVID-19 crisis.

The effort includes a new open-source employer resource guide and a first-of-its-kind series of statewide employer surveys to foster a common understanding of the impact COVID-19 is having on business and the Texas economy.

"Texas employers and employees are hurting but prepared to lead the way through this pandemic," said Bob Cartwright, Chair of the TAB Return to Work Taskforce, past Chairman of TAB, and President and CEO of Intelligent Compensation. "Public and private stakeholders are asking for a deeper understanding of available resources and deeper data to help navigate the crisis."

This is a call to action to all Texas business owners, trade associations, chambers of Commerce, workforce development organizations, business media, academia, and other engines of the Texas economy to join us by encouraging Texas employers to participate in this process. Our goal is to listen carefully, analyze quickly, and share broadly."

Supported by non-profit USTomorrow and its partners Polco (a digital research and engagement platform) and National Research Center, the initiative is a first step toward providing public officials, business and community leaders, and the general public a current, cohesive view of the rapidly developing pandemic's impact on the Texas economy.

Carlton Schwab, President and CEO of TEDC said, "Texas economic developers are on the front line of recovery and seeing different problems - and solutions - around the state. The Texas Return to Work Initiative will help establish a common perspective of the overall landscape, assess and leverage available resources, and develop effective and sustained response to local, regional, and statewide challenges."

"Chambers of Commerce across the state remain an important conduit between businesses and local communities. Many are now also serving as solutions laboratories for economic triage and recovery," said Cindy DeWease, TCCE Board Chair and President and CEO of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. "Increased awareness of what's working throughout the state will help Texas chambers strengthen efforts in our communities."

Chris Wallace, President and CEO of NTC, said, "There's no one-size-fits-all solution to this crisis. Gaining a deeper understanding of regional challenges will reveal new pathways to effective recovery efforts across Texas."

"To support Texans' interest in moving beyond this crisis," said Joseph Kopser, co-founder and chair of USTomorrow, "we need tools that drown out the white noise and allow us to clearly hear the voices of Texas business and the communities they support."

"The Texas Return to Work Initiative will allow Texas to spearhead a much-needed national and international playbook on the crisis," said Michelle Kobayashi, SVP of National Research Center. "The scale and scope of Texas business around the country and the world will allow us to compare and contrast challenges and successes from Main Street, Texas to communities far beyond our borders."

**CARVED**

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The competition included Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The guide is a compilation of photos of historical carvings on the mountain. It gives a brief history of the work done by the CCC Company 1857 and highlights some of the people who created the artworks.

Besides the Eagle carving other members of the CCC Company 1857 left their mark in the etching of a sailor or a cowboy in a "10 gallon" hat. Even a figure of a woman and one showing geologic rock hammers are etched in stone, not to mention a paintbrush and a cup with a spoon. However, the CCC Company were not the only artists to leave their marks.

Big Spring has been historically known as an oasis in the middle of West Texas. A mix of grasslands and a natural source of water made Big Spring an important stopping place for explorers and travelers such as Native American Indians and later pioneers following the railroad. Comanche, Jumano and Apache peoples roamed the area and hunted bison in the area. One carving on the mountain is titled "Horned Head". Archeologists think this carving was made before 1881. The carving may represent a bison skull or have a spiritual meaning associated with it. Archeologist Kay Sutherland thinks the carving might represent a mask like those painted on rock walls at Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site in El Paso, Texas. If this is the case it might mean the carving was created by a member of the Jumano peoples from over 600 years ago.

It and the other three hundred plus carvings on the mountain are a special treasure handed down through the ages. They, like all of the plants and creatures on our State Park, are to be cherish and protected from harm.

Please practice and teach conservation of our natural resources so future generations will benefit from them. If you would like more information on the Big Spring State Park, please contact Park Superintendent Ronald Alton.

**SPLURGE**

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to purchase the items. We will then deliver them to the baby shower," Johnson said. "Boutiques remain a vital part of the commercial world, and we plan on being here for a long time."

A store that sells husbands just opened, where a woman can go to choose a husband. Among the instructions is a description of how the store operates: You may visit the store only once. There is however, a catch... You may choose any man from a particular floor or you may go up a floor, but you cannot go back down except to exit the building.

A woman goes to the Husband store to find a husband. On the first floor the sign reads: Floor 1—These men have good jobs and love the Lord. Ok she thinks and goes to the second floor.

The sign on the second floor reads: Floor 2—These men have good jobs, love the Lord and loves children. She thinks for a while and then goes to the third floor. The sign reads: Floor 3—These men have good jobs,

love the Lord and children and are extremely good looking. "Wow" she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going.

She goes to the fourth floor. The sign reads: Floor 4—These men have good jobs, love the Lord and children are drop dead good looking and helps with the housework.

"Oh, mercy me," she exclaims "I can hardly stand it."

Still she goes to the fifth floor. The sign reads: Floor 5—These men have good jobs, love the Lord and children are drop dead gorgeous helps with the housework and has a strong romantic streak.

She is so tempted to stay...but she goes to the sixth floor.

The sign reads: Floor 6—You are visitor number 43,630,912 to this floor.

There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please.

Thank you for shopping at the Husband store. Watch your step as you exit the building and have a nice day.

Splurge does not sell husbands, but they will do their best to please you.

**RECORDS**

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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  
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City  
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring  
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas  
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring  
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas  
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring  
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

**District Court Filings**

Plaintiff: Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC  
Defendant: Patricia White  
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Date: July 9, 2020

Plaintiff: Janna Thompson  
Defendant: Jackson Thompson  
Type of Case: Divorce – No children  
Date: July 9, 2020

Plaintiff: Elizabeth Martin  
Defendant: Paul Martin  
Type of Case: Divorce – Children  
Date: July 10, 2020

Plaintiff: In the interest of Addison Kim, Child  
Type of Case: All other family law matters  
Date: July 10, 2020

Plaintiff: Leslie King  
Defendant: Donald Glover Jr  
Type of Case: Protective order – no divorce  
Date: July 14, 2020

Plaintiff: Garland Green  
Defendant: Kori Green  
Type of Case: Divorce – No children  
Date: July 14, 2020

**Warranty Deeds**

Grantor: Christian Spivey  
Grantee: Daniel Mondier  
Property: Tract 1: A tract of land of Sec. 32, block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: S/52, one acre of Sec. 2, block 33, IS, 52x208 MH 12x46 no lable #133 block/tract 22, IS, .248 acres  
Date: June 30, 2020

Grantor: Manuel Hewtty  
Grantee: Francisco Salazar Perez and Gloria Flores Rosas

Property: Lot 22, block 8, Suburban Heights Addition  
Date: July 6, 2020

Grantor: Jose Bass  
Grantee: Jorge Acevedo Acevedo  
Property: All that certain district 201.0 and 52.17 from the Northwest corner of the lot, tract or parcel of land located and situated in Howard County and described as follows: Beginning at a 3/4' I.P. In the South right of way line of US Highway No. 80 from which a 3/4" I.P. In the intersection of said U.S. Highway No. 80 and the West line of the E/2 of said Sec. 43, block 31, T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas bears S. 64 degreed 05' W. 1858.35' said 3/4" I.P being the NE corner of a 1.0 acre tract conveyed to S.W. Hollingsworth by deed dated July 22, 1968, recorded in Volume 397, Page 136, Deed records of Howard County, Texas and the Northeast corner of this tract.  
Date: July 6, 2020

Grantor: Santos Andres Orozco  
Grantee: Jessica Martinez  
Property: Being a .106 acre tract of land out of the North Part of a 105' x 105 tract (Vol. 748, Page 161) in the NE/4 of Sec. 45, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co Survey  
Date: July 6, 2020

Grantor: Emmett Woodard  
Grantee: W. Drew Darby  
Property: Being all of Lot 35, block 4, Douglass Addition  
Date: July 7, 2020

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum  
Grantee: Fred Green  
Property: Being a portion of East part of Lot 34 and the West 34 feet of Lot 35, block 10 Edwards Heights Addition  
Date: July 9, 2020

Grantor: David L. Wilson and Susan Kay Wilson  
Grantee: Cody Osborn and Taylor Osborn  
Property: Being a .430 acre tract of land in the SW/4 of Sec. 18, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: July 6, 2020

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Grantor: Edward Spivey and Lora (Lori) Spivey, a married couple  
Grantee: Daniel Mondier  
Property: Tract 1: South 45 (S/45) feet of the E/130 feet of Lot 2, block 18, Cedar Crest Addition; Tract 2: Lot 2, block 6, Lakeview Addition to the City of Big Spring  
Date: June 30, 2020

Grantor: Dwight Perkins and Debbie Perkins  
Grantee: Jarred Kenneth Drummond and Rachelle Nicole Drummond  
Property: Being all of Lot 10, block 7, Highland South No. 6

Date: July 6, 2020

Grantor: Stephen J. Burnett  
Grantee: Shane D. Huitt  
Property: Being a .69 acre tract out of a 1.04 acre tract out of the NW/4 of Sec. 1, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: July 2, 2020

Grantor: Pedro Ortiz and Aubry Ortiz  
Grantee: Jan Renet Shaw  
Property: Being North 60' of Lot 5, and South 20' of Lot 6, block 1, Indian Hills Addition  
Date: July 2, 2020

Grantor: Bartley McIntosh and Candace McIntosh  
Grantee: Kelly Ray McNew and Kirstin Jean McNew  
Property: Being Lot 10, block 8, Capehart Addition  
Date: July 6, 2020

Grantor: Maria Adelita Orozco  
Grantee: Santos Andres Orozco  
Property: Being a .147 acre tract of land out of the North part of a 105'x105 tract (Vol. 748, page 161) in the NE/4 of Sec. 45, block 31, T-1-N &P RR Co. Survey  
Date: July 25, 2020

Grantor: John B. Yates and Rachel Yates  
Grantee: Emmett Woodard  
Property: Being all of Lot 35, block 4, Douglass Addition  
Date: July 2, 2020

Grantor: James Vernon Anderson  
Grantee: David Canalas Sr. and Viola M. Canales  
Property: Being Lot 3, block 15, Boydston Addition  
Date: July 6, 2020

Grantor: Emmett Woodard  
Grantee: Lily Olivas and Ernesto Olivas Jr.  
Property: Being all of Lot 9, block 4, Mittell Acres  
Date: July 6, 2020

Grantor: John Kennemur and Cynthia Kennemur also known as Cindy Kennemur  
Grantee: Hali Jo Kerby  
Property: Being all of Lot 18, block 17, Kentwood Addition Unit No. 2  
Date: July 8, 2020

Grantor: Darrell Robinson and Kathleen Robinson  
Grantee: MMC Land and Cattle Inc.  
Property: Tract 1: NE/4 of SW/4 and the S/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 15, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: N 220 acres of W/2 of Sec. 22, block 31 T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
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Grantor: Carmen Lynette Properties LLC  
Grantee: Michael H. Patterson  
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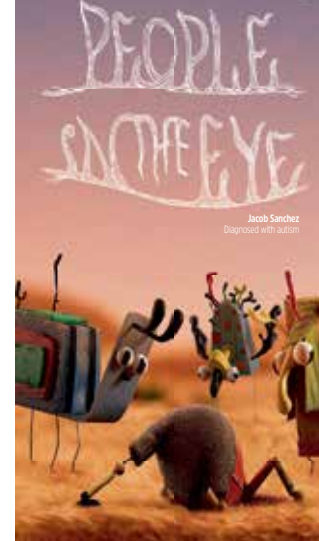
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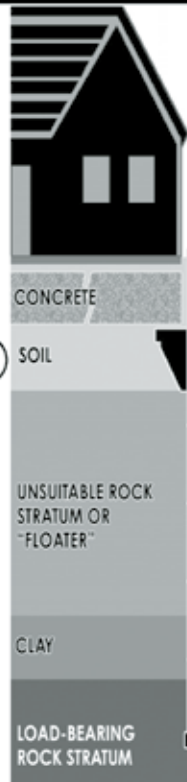
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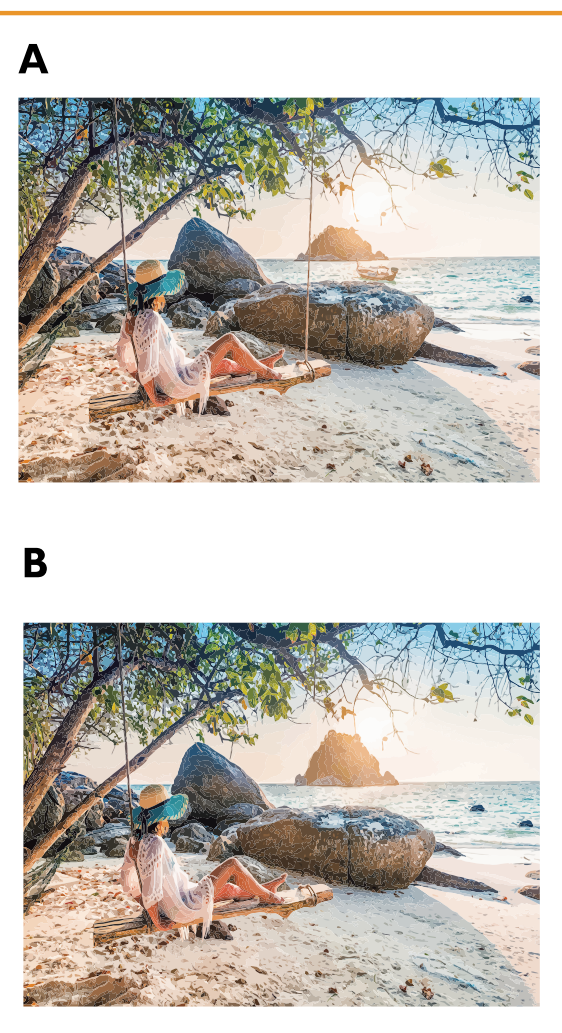
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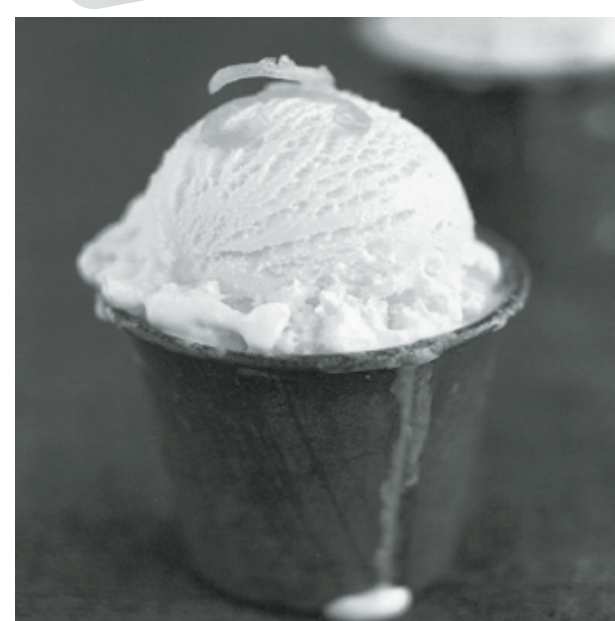
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Stir the cream and 1/3 cup of the sugar together in a small saucepan. Finely grate the zest from the lemon into the pan. (The lemon can then be juiced as part of the 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice.) Scrape the vanilla seeds from the bean into the pan and then add the bean. Bring the cream to a boil over medium heat. Turn off the heat, cover the top of the pan with plastic wrap, and let cool to room temperature. Transfer to a bowl, cover, and refrigerate overnight. The next day, strain the cream through a fine-mesh sieve and return to the saucepan. Add the milk. Bring to a simmer over medium heat. While the cream mixture is heating, combine the egg yolks and the remaining 1/3 cup sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whip attachment. Beat on medium-high speed until the mixture is pale and thick and forms a ribbon when the whip is lifted from the bowl, 3 to 5 minutes.

Meyer Lemon-Buttermilk Ice Cream  
Makes 1 quart

3/4 cup (6 ounces) heavy whipping cream

2/3 cup granulated cane sugar, divided into halves

2 Meyer lemons, (1 zested and both juiced to equal 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice)

1/2 Tahitian vanilla bean, split horizontally

1/3 cup whole milk

6 extra-large egg yolks

1 1/4 cups (10 ounces) buttermilk, chilled

Switch the mixer to low speed. Slowly pour the hot cream mixture into the bowl and beat just until combined. Do not beat to a froth.

Return the mixture to the saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the custard coats a spoon and registers 160 F on an instant-read thermometer, about 5 minutes.

Pour through the fine-mesh sieve into a bowl. Cover the bowl and refrigerate the custard overnight.

The next day, add the buttermilk and lemon juice to the custard and stir to mix. Churn the custard in an ice-cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions.

**ANIMAL FACT!**

THIS SEA CREATURE IS A LARGE MOLLUSK THAT RESIDES INSIDE A CONICAL SHELL.

ANSWER: CONCH

*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Coast  
**SPANISH:** Costa  
**ITALIAN:** Costa  
**FRENCH:** Côte  
**GERMAN:** Küste

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ANSWER: LIGHTHOUSE

**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker

**The battle for trump control**

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ K 3 2  
♥ 6 5 4 2  
♦ 10 5  
♣ A 6 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 8  
♥ A K Q 8 3  
♦ K 8  
♣ J 7 2

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 6 5 4  
♥ 9  
♦ A Q J 9 3  
♣ K 9

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

Opening lead — king of hearts.

A common method of defense against a suit contract is to try to shorten declarer's trumps by forcing him to ruff. This is most likely to be effective when declarer and dummy together have only eight (or fewer) trumps.

Here is a typical case. South ruffed the second round of hearts, led a low spade to the king and finessed the jack on the return, losing to West's queen. West led another heart, and declarer ruffed again. He was now down to the lone ace of spades in his hand, having led trumps twice and ruffed twice.

After drawing West's last trump, declarer crossed to the club ace, led the ten of diamonds and finessed. West won with the king and cashed two hearts to defeat the contract two tricks. The repeated heart leads had exhausted South's trumps and brought about his downfall.

But analysis shows that South did not handle the situation in the best manner. He could have made his game by exercising better trump control. After ruffing the heart at trick two, he should have played a club to the ace and finessed the ten of diamonds before tackling the trump suit.

If the finesse wins, the contract is virtually assured. If the finesse loses, South is in a much better position to deal with the heart return. He ruffs and still has the A-J-6 of spades as well as the established diamonds.

A low trump to the king is followed by a trump to the ace, deliberately rejecting the finesse. When West follows suit, the contract becomes a certainty, even though the trump queen is still outstanding. Declarer simply runs his tricks in the side suits, losing only a trump whenever West (or East, if he has the queen) elects to ruff.

In effect, South plays for a normal 3-2 trump division instead of yielding to the temptation of winning a trump finesse. Percentage-wise, this offers him the best chance of success.

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ANSWER:



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** When you add kindness, you don't know what's going to happen next, but you do know that you won't regret it. Your compassionate energy radiates, and it's just what is needed in the situation and the world.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** With so much going on, your mind will toggle between being engaged, distracted, engaged, etc. Finally, you'll have a heavenly stretch of time to ponder what you are and what you might be.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll require more from your-

self, and you'll deliver on that, too. It's not easy to be you, but at the end of the day, when your head hits the pillow, you'll know that the world is a little better for your hand in it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A joyful life is a custom job. No one recipe will work for everyone. In fact, if you were to do someone else's joy-program it would bore you at best. Create your own adventure.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The thing that makes you call an activity "work" is that it's at least a little harder than doing nothing at all. However

much effort it takes, it can also be exceedingly pleasant. That's how it will go down today at least.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19).** Your confidence and charisma surge as you rise to invigorating challenges. The motor that drives your actions are your own interesting goals. You find yourself in amazing, adventurous situations and it's all because of the way you see your future. Healthy changes favorably affect your personal life and relationships. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 22, 10 and 4.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** In the early days of biology, many scientists believed that all beings developed from miniature versions of themselves, and these "seed germs" were the same in microscopic form as they were in forms full-grown. The radical transformations

of some creatures, and the ability of certain creatures to reproduce in various ways, including asexually, could not be explained with this theory, which eventually had to give way to ideas of generation more varied and plausible.

There are many ways in which we, as individuals, grow in spirit. Sometimes, we do stay about the same as we simply grow bigger until our soul and personality fill out the space in a way that feels more "full-sized." But more often than not, the spiritual aspects of our being thrive in more unusual, varied and transformative ways. Often we don't grow so much as change. At this late stage of the Cancer solar journey, we get a rare second new moon in Cancer. It's a fresh start and another chance to take on a new spiritual form. Be who you want to be.

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**Cancer New Moon Pre-Show**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The excitement of a new prospect will only slightly surpass the amount of trepidation you feel over the matter, and that's enough. Later, you'll be able to say that it was attraction, not fear, that drove you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your knowledge of words and symbols will lead you to analyze a situation and comprehend it so well that you'll be a point of reference for others. You'll contribute significantly to team decisions.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Someone re-lays an idea. Someone very different relays the same idea. The idea won't be accepted equally from these two sources. Bias is always in effect. Who says a thing will matter a great deal.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It feels like

there is a continual war of opposites going on today. If anyone can bring this together into a cohesive, functioning whole, you are just the agent of unity to do it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your primary intention is to help others. Because of this, everything else will make space for you. You make the scene tolerable for you, and everyone else benefits.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Greatness doesn't happen overnight. Be content with minor gains; they are the ones that will matter in the end. Major gains are nothing but a collection of minor gains.

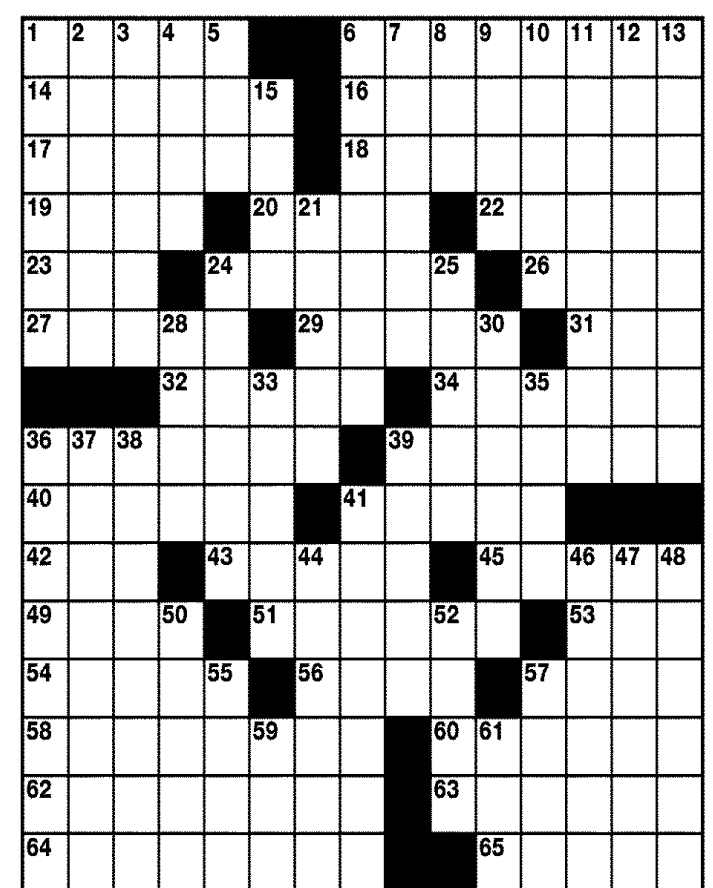
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You prefer everything to be peaceful, and you have very little tolerance for drama. High-intensity emotions seem like an indulgence. Even so, you'll find yourself fascinated by the strong feelings of the day.

Newsday Crossword

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by Brad Wilber Edited by Stanley Newman [www.stanxwords.com](http://www.stanxwords.com)

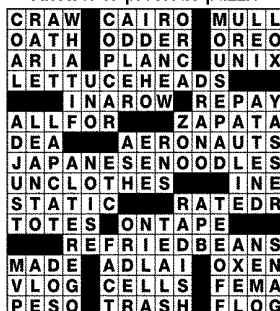
- ACROSS**
- 1 Stifle
- 6 St. Thomas, compared to the other US Virgin Islands
- 14 Pay
- 16 "Immortal" bloom in *Paradise Lost*
- 17 Bookstore section
- 18 Backdrop for moonwalks
- 19 Much of a mermaid costume
- 20 For, for short
- 22 Stopping place
- 23 Gestures originated in a CT school (c. 1820)
- 24 Pulse quickeners
- 26 Turn up in spring
- 27 Light-footed lass
- 29 Paparazzi often flock to them
- 31 Tetris piece shape
- 32 Mentor of Mozart
- 34 Not very natural
- 36 Lucrative subject of an EquineNow.com page
- 39 Washington or Taylor or Bush 41
- 40 German "Johnny"
- 41 Treat with a syringe, say
- 42 Seasonal mall temp
- 43 Prepares on canvas
- 45 Water diverters
- 49 Only just achieved, with "out"
- 51 Having a crest
- 53 Reason for flushing
- 54 What some chips are made of

- 56 Aren't faddish
- 57 Big name for leftovers
- 58 Was a fifth wheel
- 60 Color that means "cherry"
- 62 Third-class ancestor
- 63 Dairy delivery
- 64 Zane Grey posse
- 65 Voyages of the *USS Enterprise*
- DOWN**
- 1 Flier to Fiji
- 2 Restive
- 3 With no one to say no
- 4 Make private
- 5 Follow closely, as curves
- 6 Is eager to play
- 7 Singer once known as MC Double M
- 8 Part of many film noir scores
- 9 Put one's foot down
- 10 Arty friend of Zola
- 11 Undamaged condition
- 12 Curb cut beneficiary
- 13 "You can stop now"
- 15 Wood used for kitchen spoons
- 21 "More or less" symbol in math
- 24 Shows impatience
- 25 They often keep the change
- 28 Many Economics Nobelists
- 30 Ready for delivery
- 33 Sounds of protest
- 35 Showerhead essential
- 36 Rather hesitant
- 37 Convince of
- 38 Let loose
- 39 They may nest in 45 Across
- 41 Educate or sophisticate
- 44 Declare under oath
- 46 Depreciate
- 47 Magic \_\_\_ (Mr. Clean sponge)
- 48 Meals inspired by Exodus 13
- 50 Justifications for bizarre behavior
- 52 Set in stone, say
- 55 Destined
- 57 Steadfast quality
- 59 Keep from streaming
- 61 Tennessee Aquarian dweller that powers its own Twitter posts



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**Annie's Mailbox**

**A Yo-Yo Relationship**

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been married for 29 years. Three years ago, I discovered that he was having an affair. He claimed that the affair was ending anyway, that he loved me and that he wasn't interested in being with the other woman. We went to counseling, together and separately, but after about nine months, he said he wanted a divorce. I was devastated. We filled out and signed divorce papers that he had printed online, but he said he wasn't going to file them yet.

I was casually looking for an apartment to rent, not thinking he would really file the papers, but one day he walked into our bedroom and asked me whether I could give him an estimate of when I would be moving out. A few days after that, I happened to drive past a town house for sale, and within a couple of days, I had decided to buy it. Because we were not yet divorced, I had to ask my husband for help, which he gave. Amazingly, though, he asked me whether I was buying the town house for me to live in or for us!

in my name only, and I have been living here for a little over a year. Since I moved out, however, rarely has a day gone by when my husband hasn't come over to spend time with me. We spend the evenings watching TV, go out to dinner and otherwise behave like a married couple. He filed the divorce papers the day I moved out of our house, but when we both were notified of a court date, he canceled it, and the divorce was dropped. Since then, he has brought up three or four times that he wants us to get a divorce but live together like a married couple because he wants a chance to woo me back and prove how much he loves me. Each time, I was very hurt and cut off communication with him, and each time, he would plead with me to give him another chance, saying he would never bring the subject up again.

Well, guess what. Last night, he brought over divorce papers, which I signed. I told him that he'd better let the divorce proceed this time because I'm tired of this. He thinks it's no big deal to get divorced, and he doesn't understand why I'm so upset. Oh, and the kicker? He wants to retire in a year and a half and then get married again! Am I

crazy, or is he? -- Tired of the Yo-Yo

**Dear Tired of the Yo-Yo:** You're not crazy -- but it would certainly be understandable if you were a little crazy after all your husband has put you through. Though I can't say exactly what's going on in this yo-yo's head, clearly he's only thinking of himself. He's demonstrated a staggering lack of empathy.

You need to move on, but he'll make sure that's impossible as long as he's around. So it's important that you discontinue contact with him until your wounds fully heal. If you don't already have a divorce attorney, consider hiring one. He or she could be his point of contact so you don't have to be. That would free you up to focus on taking care of yourself. Start therapy again. Make your home a sanctuary. Join a gym; there's nothing like realizing your strength. Designate some "emergency contacts" -- friends or family you can call when you feel as if you want to call him. Make it so that when he inevitably tries reeling you back in, he finds you've cut the string.

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**Practice Healthy Habits**



# Texas Crop report: Hit-or-miss pecan season expected

## Special to the Herald

Texas pecan producers reported mixed crop expectations as they entered an important part of the growing season, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Larry Stein, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Uvalde, said he expects the hit-or-miss crop to produce average results overall, though pecan quality is still yet to be decided as kernels fill.

"The pecan crop is up in the air right now," he said. "But a lot of producers are saying they're seeing a good crop, while others are considering whether they will even harvest."

Stein said some of the crop conditions this year are related to how individual growers fared in 2019. Pecans can be a boom-and-bust crop, meaning exceptional growing seasons can be followed by a poor crop the following season.

But pecan orchard maintenance measures, such as stepping up fertilization, thinning the crop and proper irrigation to reduce performance declines have improved tree recuperation. Stein said commercial producers typically assess their trees and manage them accordingly to avoid the boom-and-bust cycle.

Stein said the dramatic drop in temperatures last November damaged trees and caused premature leaf-drops that likely stunted crop performance in many areas.

"You had temperatures go from 85 degrees to 19 degrees in some production areas, and that's a dramatic shift," he said. "We had 6-year-old trees killed, and the freeze likely caused more leaves to stop photosynthesis and storing up energy reserves for the winter. We typically say losing leaves before Thanksgiving is an indication that the following crop may not produce well."

Stein said pecan growers should be assessing their potential crop now and making management decisions that will impact yields this year and next. Thinning trees with heavy clusters, irrigation and treating for shuckworms and weevils should be priorities.

Producers should be checking pecans to see if shells are hardening, which is an indication shuckworms could be a problem soon, he said.

"If you cut a cross-section of the nut and there is some resistance, they're hardening, and it's time to spray for shuckworms," he said.

Weevils are another pest that can impact nut quality, Stein said. They typically emerge by mid-August when nuts enter the dough stage.

"If you cut the nut open and it's started gelling, it's time to spray," he said. "If it's still just water when you cut it open, it's not quite time."

Late-season irrigation  
Water is a major contributor to quality from now to harvest, Stein said. Water feeds the kernel as it

builds inside the shell.

Last year, quality was fairly good because production areas received timely rains, he said. Most commercial producers have irrigation, which is an important factor for producing retail-quality pecans.

Stein recommends 2 inches of water at and beyond the drip line per week.

"Late-season water is crucial to the kernel," he said. "Quality sells, and you can't sell them if there's a mediocre fill."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

### CENTRAL

Some trace amounts of rainfall were reported. Parts of the district reported good rain over the past 10 days. Flooding was reported in northern parts of the district. Early corn was being harvested for silage with fair yields reported. Temperatures were expected to reach beyond 100 degrees soon. Grain corn was almost ready to be harvested, and sorghum was almost all colored out. Producers were baling hay, and pastures were in good condition overall. Some pastures were showing signs of heat and drought stress. Livestock were in good condition. Irrigation was at maximum capacity on cotton. Nearly all counties reported short soil moisture levels.

### FAR WEST

Temperature highs were beyond 100-degrees with lows in the upper 70s. No precipitation was reported. Pasture and rangeland conditions were holding up for the most part though some pastures were completely bare. Grass fires occurred every day. Woody plants and succulents were the only green plants on some rangelands. Producers continued to feed livestock and wildlife. Livestock were in good condition overall. Pecan producers were irrigating and managing orchards. Most dryland crop acres that emerged had failed. Irrigated acres were making progress but showing moisture stress in the heat of the day. Insect activity was very low. Corn was finishing up with most all acres in the dent stage. Sorghum acres were blooming or in the dough stage, but many acres were stressed to the point that heads were not likely to produce. Watermelon harvest was in full swing.

### WEST CENTRAL

No Report.

### SOUTHWEST

Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline with the lack of moisture and extreme heat. Irrigation was not keeping up with crop



water demands. Sorghum harvesting should begin soon, and corn was denting. Hay was being stored. Livestock conditions remained fair to good with supplemental feeding. Cattle prices looked decent, and the sheep and goat market remained steady. Wildlife conditions were fair to good. Fawn sightings were high.

### SOUTH

Weather was hot with adequate to very short soil moisture levels. Temperatures were at or above 100 degrees each day. Corn harvest began, and peanut fields were flowering or in the pegging stage. Cotton fields were setting bolls. Irrigation of cotton continued. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline due to lack of rainfall and high temperatures. Sorghum harvest was underway with below-normal yields expected. Some sorghum fields showed multiple stages of development due to lack of moisture at planting. Crops like watermelons and cantaloupes were in full production. Producers were baling Coastal Bermuda grass pastures. Hay producers were fertilizing and watering pastures for additional cuttings. Livestock conditions improved the past two months. Starr County reported rangeland and pastures continued to improve. Zavala County reported extremely hot and dry conditions were taking a toll on native rangeland and pastures and forcing some producers to begin considering management practices to reduce grazing pressure. Some supplemental feeding was reported on smaller operations. Local beef cattle markets were steady with a slight increase in volume being offered. Cull cows were reported \$2-3 less per hundredweight.

# Growers urge Congress to support U.S. Ag in future COVID-19 legislation

## Special to the Herald

As Congress continues to develop additional bipartisan legislation in response to COVID-19, soy growers across the country are urging their U.S. Representatives and Senators to incorporate policies that provide significant assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to address broad-based economic disruptions to the agricultural sector.

Following up on the COVID-19 Ag Assistance letter sent last week by ASA and other top agricultural groups, growers would like Congress to prioritize the following in the next COVID relief package. These recommendations have widespread support across most of U.S. production agriculture, representing both crops and livestock.

Provide additional funding to USDA, specifically for farmer and rancher COVID-19 temporary relief and assistance, while also replenishing and increasing the cap for the Commodity Credit Corporation to at least \$50 billion.

Establish policies and funding for USDA to offer direct and temporary assistance to the broader agricultural supply chain beyond the farm gate.

Due to the unique and specific needs of U.S. agriculture and the various commodities affected by the pandemic, further action and assistance by Congress is critical to support American farmers and their families.




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## Freddy Brown



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SM Energy Company  
227-40751  
6301 Holiday Hill Road  
Midland, TX 79707-0000  
Lisa Hunt, Regulatory Analyst  
survey  
(432) 848-4833

#03345WA Benes "A", drill horizontal, API #42-  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA  
6.4 miles northwest of Big Spring  
A-306, Section 9, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  
Total Depth: 10,350 feet  
X=748443, Y=261218. Datum: NAD 27  
436' FSL, 2390' FWL of 643.31-acre lease  
436' FSL, 2390' FWL of the survey

Queen 3153'  
feet  
Grayburg 3349'  
San Andres 3551'  
Glorieta 4223'  
Clear Fork 5708'  
Upper Spraberry 6470'  
Lower Spraberry 7023'  
Lower Spraberry Shale 7372'

5-1/2" @ 18,007 feet w/ 2,278 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7304  
Perfs: 8217-17,871  
8217-17,817: Frac w/ 729 Bbls 15% HCl and 15,156,634#  
total proppant in 501,095 Bbls total fluid

Surge Operating, LLC  
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West  
Suite 300  
Houston, TX 77064-0000  
Colleen Reda, Regulatory Manager  
(832) 333-2388  
Datum: NAD 27

#7H Clark Unit "B 24-13", drill horizontal, EI: NA  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field  
5.97 miles east of Knott  
A-1105, Section 24, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Total Depth: 8500 feet  
Latitude 032.411013, Longitude -101.539482.  
432' FSL, 1264' FEL of 512.22-acre lease  
432' FSL, 1264' FEL of the survey

Howard County  
Parsley Energy Operations, LLC  
303 Colorado, Suite 3000  
Austin, TX 78701-0000  
(512) 600-8855

#4214H Guitar South "1-5-G", API #42-227-39924  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2496' GR  
4.80 miles west of Big Spring  
A-553, Section 4, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey  
Latitude 032.241294, Longitude -101.558627  
Total Depth: 7566 feet. PBTD: 7566 feet.  
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)

Daily Potential: 1,200 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 2,743 BWPD  
Pumping. GOR: 641  
Spud: 2-10-19. Completed: 7-10-19. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 6565 feet w/ 525 sx.; MS tool @ 3790 feet

5-1/2" @ 17,503 feet w/ 1,085 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6586 feet  
Perf: 8245-17,449

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#104HA Horn-Books "40", API #42-173-38087  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2138'  
9.33 miles southwest of Garden City  
A-980, Section 16, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey  
Latitude and Longitude: NA  
Total Depth: 8083 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  
Daily Potential: 586 Bbls 42.2 gravity oil w/ 1,609

Birch Operating, Inc.  
39954  
2 Houston Center, Suite 1400  
GR  
909 Fannin Street  
Houston, TX 77010-0000  
(832) 701-1776

#4WA Monty The Aztec "42-43 D", API #42-227-  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2537'

3.45 miles southeast of Knott  
A-1714, Section 42, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey  
Latitude and Longitude: NA  
Total Depth: 7912 feet. PBTD: 7912 feet.  
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)  
Daily Potential: 1,846 Bbls 40.6 gravity oil w/ 1,392

Pumping. GOR: 588  
Spud: 1-24-19. Completed: 12-03-19. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 7159 feet w/ 465 sx.; MS tool @ 5021 feet w/ 915 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 16,309 feet w/ 1,960 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6926

Perfs: 8380-16,149

Contractor not listed  
Ray (MWD)

BWPD  
Santa Rosa 875'  
Rustler 1523'  
Yates 2094'  
Seven Rivers 2521'  
Queen 3155'  
feet  
Grayburg 3355'  
San Andres 3557'  
Glorieta 4230'  
Clear Fork 5703'  
Upper Spraberry 6743'  
Lower Spraberry 7032'  
Wichita/Albany 7400'  
Dean 7932'  
Wolfcamp 8094'

Gas Lift. GOR: 443  
Spud: 10-04-19. Completed: 2-19-20. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 7570 feet w/ 1,132 sx.  
MS tool @ 4528 feet w/ 817 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 18,351 feet w/ 2,402 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7973  
Perfs: 8559-18,287  
8559-18,287: Frac w/ 1,223 Bbls 15% HCL and 15,118,992#  
total proppant in 467,694 Bbls total fluid

Contractor not listed

BWPD  
Yates 1866'  
Seven Rivers 2022'  
San Andres 3320'  
Glorieta 4203'  
feet  
Clear Fork 4580'  
Spraberry 6470'  
Dean 7732'  
Wolfcamp 7847'

#7LS Monty The Aztec "42-43 F", API #42-227-  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2537'

3.45 miles southeast of Knott  
A-1714, Section 42, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey  
Latitude and Longitude: NA  
Total Depth: 7545 feet. PBTD: 7545 feet.  
Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)  
Daily Potential: 1,048 Bbls 40.6 gravity oil w/ 1,979

Pumping. GOR: 838  
Spud: 1-21-19. Completed: 1-14-20. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 6846 feet w/ 410 sx.; MS tool @ 4506 feet w/ 915 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 15,896 feet w/ 2,165 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6555

Perfs: 7957-15,768 Spraberry 6451'

Contractor not listed  
Ray (MWD)

BWPD  
Santa Rosa 875'  
Rustler 1523'  
Yates 2084'  
Seven Rivers 2517'

#204HL Horn-Books "40", API #42-173-38088  
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2168'  
9.33 miles southwest of Garden City  
A-980, Section 16, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey  
Latitude and Longitude: NA  
Total Depth: 7774 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  
Daily Potential: 1,268 Bbls 41.8 gravity oil w/ 2,317

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Pumping. GOR: 838  
Spud: 1-21-19. Completed: 1-14-20. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 6846 feet w/ 410 sx.; MS tool @ 4506 feet w/ 915 sx.  
5-1/2" @ 15,896 feet w/ 2,165 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6555

Contractor not listed  
Ray (MWD)

Pumpnig. GOR: 794  
Spud: 10-20-19. Completed: 3-15-20. Pay: NA  
9-5/8" @ 7232 feet w/ 1,132 sx.  
MS tool @ 5200 feet w/ 778 sx.

# TSTC Workforce Training helps businesses during pandemic

By BEN BARKLEY

Communication Specialist at TSTC

ABILENE - During a pandemic, the workforce still needs training. Texas State Technical College workforce trainer Terry Steelman has not seen a decline in requests for training over the past few months. Some area companies have been able to use federal funds to provide employee training through TSTC, he said.



**Terry Steelman**  
Workforce Trainer  
for TSTC

"A lot of the essential businesses have needed some training. We are teaching the companies the current industry standards," Steelman said. "Businesses have received funding and contacted us for the training."

Steelman and other workforce trainers help clients with specialized programs using the latest technology and production systems available. Training focuses on improving employee skills, knowledge and abilities, he said.

An Abilene plastics company that supplies containers for the food industry, which has been deemed an essential business in Texas, has taken advantage of federal funds and TSTC's workforce training program.

"This company makes containers for salads and other food items for local restaurants. This has been a big area because these containers are easily replaceable," Steelman said. "The restaurant/hospitality industry is transitioning to this type of service since COVID-19. They want to make sure everything is safe."

TSTC has provided other training opportunities for companies in West Texas, including Buzzi Unicem in Nolan County. Steelman said the concrete company is looking to develop an apprenticeship program at its Maryneal plant.

The college will help provide industry-standard training for employees. One of the benefits is that employees will learn the skills by doing the skills, Steelman said.

Another area Steelman said TSTC is helping businesses is a fast-track program. He said wind energy companies want to hire employees quickly, and TSTC provides an eight-week program to help fill the workforce.

"Employees will be able to walk away with a certificate and get to work. That will give the employee a jump-start if they want to come back to earn a degree," Steelman said. "A lot of companies cannot wait 18 months to hire someone. They need people now."

The fast-track program allows a student to earn certification as an electrical technician in eight to 10 weeks. Steelman said that certification may lead to a higher salary.

For more on TSTC's Workforce Training, visit <https://www.tstc.edu/workforce/training>.

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