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 Downtown Big Spring
 Community invited

Coahoma Lion's Club
 Trade Day & City
 Wide Garage Sale
 Sept. 26
 8 - 5 p.m.

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 Sept. 18-20
 Howard County
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Sept. 11
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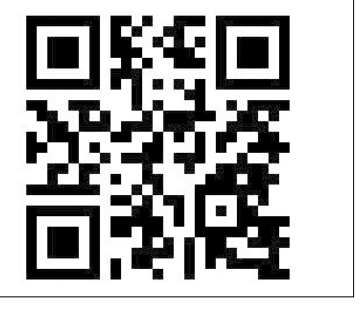
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Honoring those who served 7th Annual Dove Hunt, Sept. 18-19

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

There are many who have sacrificed for their country without ever asking for repayment. There are also those who extend an arm of gratitude for that service simply because it honorable. This year, four veterans will be honored at the 7th annual Dove Hunt, as a way of saying thank you for all the sacrifices that were made and the dedication to the fight that earned the freedoms our nation enjoys today.

The 7th Annual Dove Hunt will be honoring Sgt. Deon R. Mealing of Big Spring; Petty Officer Dustin N. Cripe of Midland; Army veteran Charles Limir and Tomas Martinez of Georgia with a weekend of hunting that will conclude on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. with a ceremony aimed at honoring these brave men. While this year will have limited attendance, due to the current pandemic state, the community is encouraged to show their support for these four veterans and all those who have served.

"Getting this started was just a way to honor veterans after having been a part of a Purple Heart Dove Hunt in another community," Mike Tarpley, organizer of the local Dove Hunt, said. "I felt the need to do something here in



HERALD file photo

Each year four veterans are honored for their service to their country. Each veteran is presented with a Quilt of Valor and are treated to a weekend Dove Hunt. The annual ceremony will once again take place at Spring Creek Fellowship on Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.

Big Spring after experiencing and realizing what it meant to veterans to be honored."

Limir joined the Army in April 1966 and took part in basic training at Ft. Dix in New Jersey before heading to Ft. Sill in Oklahoma for artillery A.T. Training. He continued his training at Ft. Benning in Georgia for jump school; once he obtained his jump wings he

moved on to Ft. Campbell in Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division where he worked as a rigger packing parachutes and loading airplanes.

Limir was deployed to Vietnam with the 319th Arty where he drove a jeep for the Battery Commander and worked in the fire direction center as a radio

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Weekly Covid-19 update provided by City, County, Emergency Management officials for Howard County

Editor's Note: The City of Big Spring, County of Howard and Emergency Management issued the weekly update on Friday afternoon regarding Covid-19 cases and deaths. Below is the information that has been provided. Due to the new reporting process of the Texas Health Department updates are only being issued once a week on Fridays.

Special to the Herald

For the week of Aug. 31, 2020, City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of seventeen (17) new positive COVID-19 test results.

To date, Howard County and Big Spring have had a total of 284 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases.

We are pleased to report the number of active cases has gone down from 62 to 53, a decrease of nine (9) cases from last week's report. The total number of people recovered from COVID-19 has increased from 185 to 208, an increase of 23.

Please continue to practice social distancing, stay home

when possible, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask while in public areas. These are all things you can do to help prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming ill from any respiratory illness including COVID-19.

On Sept. 3, 2020, Howard County officials were notified that two residents have succumbed to COVID-19 and passed away. The first patient was a 70-year-old male who was being treated outside of our jurisdiction; the second patient was a 58-year-old male. County and City officials are saddened by this news and we extend our deepest condolences to their family members. We ask that you keep this family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

County and City officials urge community members to take every precaution to protect yourself and your family members. Please continue to practice social distancing, stay home when possible, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask while in public areas. These are all things you can do to help prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming ill from any respiratory illness including COVID-19.

A Joyful Season Shopping Expo returns to Howard County Sept. 18-20 at the Fairgrounds

By **Iris Rangel**
 Herald Staff Writer

A Joyful Season Shopping Expo will be at the Howard County Fairgrounds on Friday, Sept. 18 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Howard County Fairgrounds are located at 2900 Old State Highway 80 in Big Spring, Texas.

A Joyful Season Shopping Expo will be returning to Big Spring for three days. There will be over 50 different types of vendors including several new vendors like Gypsy Jewels, The Darling Doe, Royal Sapphire, and It Don't Matter Baby Food Truck - all from Big Spring, Texas. Event-goers can also find new vendors such as Blue Horse Country Crafts from Anson, Texas, Paula's Nails from Earth, Texas, Kitchen Craft from Mount Dora, Florida, and

Fajitas Bravo Food Truck from Midland, Texas.

"We want to bring some hope and joy to these trying times. We hope our show helps some of these small businesses that have been hurt by the shutdowns. We want to provide options for them and to bring back a sense of community to our town," Co-Coordinator Lindsey Pinkerton said.

Attendees can also enjoy fun activities like a pumpkin patch, face painting from Chris' Fun Faces, kids activities and special guests from Goode Party Events and HteaO. Guests can also expect kettle corn, food trucks, boutiques, jewelry, quilts by Tiffany Sayles, furniture, woodworking, kids teepees, handcrafted items, home décor, dips, jams, salsa, candy, and so much more. Children will also be given the chance to stuff their own stuffed animal with

Teddy Bear Mobile from Monahans, Texas.

Although the Howard County Fair will not be taking place this year, A Joyful Season will still be held on the fairgrounds. The event will take place outdoors and follow current health and safety guidelines, including social distancing, use of masks, and other safety precautions.

"We appreciate the support from the Howard County Fair Board to continue to allow us to hold our event at their top-notch facility. Everyone needs to come out and see the new pavilion," Pinkerton said. "We also appreciate the guidance and support from our local leaders, Mayor Shannon Thomason, Fire Chief Craig Ferguson, Judge Kathryn Wiseman, and the Big Spring

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You may have met Expedition Royalty Co. for the first time when we sponsored the Big Spring Rodeo or the Howard County Fair this fall. Our commitment to Howard County runs deep. We have made deals for thousands of acres here, and our people have decades of experience serving Permian Basin mineral rights owners. We're proud to be part of the community, sponsoring and participating in big events year-round. But we're even prouder to be your mineral advisor in the Permian every day. Get in touch today for a free evaluation of your property and its mineral rights.

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Obituaries

Charlene Parkhill

Charlene Parkhill, 74 of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Charlene was born Sept. 16, 1945, in Big Spring. She was a homemaker but also worked at Neef's Optical and in the Cafeteria at Washington Elementary.

She loved music and especially singing and playing the guitar. She also loved arts and crafts, decorating, her lawn and gardening, but most of all taking care of her family. She was a member of the

Church of Christ.

Charlene is survived by her husband: Jimmy Parkhill of Big Spring; two daughters: Rhonda Millaway (and Ricci) of Louisiana and Lisa Beltran (and Ric) of Midland; one sister: Debra Choat (and Jimmy) of San Angelo; one brother: Robert Chatwell (and Marque) of Greenwood; four grandchildren: Tyler Avant (and Amanda), Patrick Beltran (and Emmeline), Traci Beltran, and Rachel Millaway; two great grandchildren: Emma Avant and Ivory Gonzales.

Charlene is preceded in death by her parents: Joyce and Charles Chatwell.

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

Paid Obituary



Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOAQUIN LEONARDO RODRIGUEZ**, 25, of 311 North Cochran Street, Hobbs, New Mexico, was arrested on a charge of tampering with government record, defraud/harm.

• **JESUS ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ**, 27, of 311 North Cochran Street, Hobbs, New Mexico, was arrested on a charge of tampering with government record, defraud/harm.

• **BRANDON DALE HOLDER**, 42, of 206 South 5th Street, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on a warrant, other agency.

• **JESSE MARTINEZ**, 51, of 107 Becker Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).

• **JONATHAN EMMANUEL TINDOL JR.**, 28, of 2002 S. Monticello Street, was arrested on a warrant, other agency.

• **GEORGE THOMAS ELDRIDGE**, 34, of 2505 S. Anderson Road, was arrested on a warrant, other agency.

• **SUNDAY CASAREZ LUNA**, 32, of 800 Creighton, was arrested on a warrant.

• **ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS**, 54, of 4201 W. Highway 80, was arrested on charges of terroristic threat to family/household and criminal trespass, habitation/shelter.

• **RICARDO ARTEMIO URANGA**, 60, of 302 South Avenue, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and warrant, other agency.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of S. Scurry Street.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Scurry Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of E. FM 700.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 3400 block of E. I-20.

• **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1900 block of Eubanks Road.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of S. Birdwell Lane.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of N. 1st Street and Texas.

Sheriff

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

Note, Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOE HERRERA III**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of order to modified conditions of community quarantine.

• **JONATHAN EMMANUEL TINDOL**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of motion to adjudicate/possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).

• **GEORGE THOMAS ELDRIDGE**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of violation of bond/protective order.

• **JESUS ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of tampering with government record defraud/harm.

• **JOAQUIN LEONARD RODRIGUEZ**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of tampering with government record defraud/harm.

• **BRANDON DALE HOLDER**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with previous conviction.

• **ERIK PAUL WAYNE QUALLS**, 54, was arrested by HCSO on charges of terroristic threat of family/household and criminal trespass habitation/shelter/superfund/infrastructure.

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• **RICHARD ARTEMIO URANGA SR.**, 60, was arrested by HCSO on charges of public intoxication and parole violation.

• **JESSE MARTINEZ**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).

• **PRICILLA ANGELITO LUCERO**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAKOTA ANN BERRY**, 56, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family violence.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgelea Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 13th

Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of CR 40 and CR 15. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Duke Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of E. FM 700.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium. No transport was required.

• **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton. The fire was contained.

Take Note

• The Coahoma Ag program is collecting donations of non-perishable goods to help with the ongoing relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Laura through Friday, Sept. 4. Some items needed are blankets, clothes, canned beans, canned pasta, pet food, cleaning supplies, medical supplies, baby wipes, and cases of bottled water. Other suggestions include dry cereal, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned juice, ready to eat canned soups and meats, peanut butter, crackers, nuts, granola and energy bars, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, seasoning, and oats. First aid and cleaning supplies would be welcome including first aid kits, toilet paper, moist towelettes, garbage bags, dish soap, aluminum foil, paper towels, paper plates and cups, food storage bags or containers, flashlights, tool kits, mosquito repellent, rain gear, plastic sheeting, rope, duck tape, manual can opener, and strike-anywhere matches. Also appreciated would be donations of baby supplies such as diapers, wipes, formula or baby food, bottles, and rash ointment. Pet supplies are also needed including pet food, leashes and collars, water and food bowls, and carriers. Items can be dropped off at the Coahoma High School Ag building. For more information, contact Ashley Pierce at apierce@coahoma.esc18.net.

• 9/11 Memorial Service is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at SpringCreek Fellowship. The community is invited to attend.

• West Region Cotton Marketing Update: U.S. Market Outlook is set for Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 a.m. To find out more information or to register, contact the Howard County Extension Office for more details or for assistance with these meetings.

• Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day will be held Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Coahoma. There will be food, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, and more. Coahoma City Wide Garage Sale. Please practice social distancing at six feet and face masks are recommended. For more information, call 432-394-4287.

• 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 Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance. The Senior Supper Club is an informal group of folks from Howard County who meet at least weekly and sometimes more for Dutch-Treat food at different area restaurants. Sometimes the group also meets for cards, dominoes, or desserts and fellowship.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session being Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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operator.

Martinez joined the Army on May 20, 2006. He is currently assigned to Alpha Company 3-47 Infantry on Sand Hill out of Fort Benning, Georgia as a Drill Sergeant since February 2019.

He attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After completing his training at OSUT, he attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia and then was stationed at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina where he was assigned to HHB 1-321 AFAR in preparation for his first deployment to Afghanistan. Martinez deployed on Jan. 26, 2009 to Regional Command East to the Pech River Valley on Forward Operating Base Wright. During his deployment, he supported infantry units assigned to FOB ABAD as well as the special forces units from the U.S. Army and Navy.

"After returning to Fort Bragg after having worked with supporting infantry units in Afghanistan I was determined and driven to reclassification to the M.O.S (Military Occupational Specialty) of 11B or Infantryman," Martinez said. "Having served nearly four years by this point and achieving the rank of Sergeant, I knew I would have to work to catch up with my peers in my new job."

Martinez has earned Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, NATO Medal, Navy and Marine Corp Achievement medal, Professional Development Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Ribbon.

Cripe, a Navy veteran, also known by his call sign - Cowboy, served as a Construction Mechanic Petty Officer First Class or CM1 in the United

States Navy Seabees. While originally born out of state, Cripe currently resides in Midland with his family and serves as the Operations Supervisor for the West Texas VA Health Care System locally.

"I grew up on a farm in Northeast Iowa and entered the United States Navy as a Constructionman Apprentice in 2003," Cripe said. "One of my most memorable events was earning my Seabee Combat Warfare designator."

Cripe went through basic military training at Naval Training Center Great Lakes in Illinois and attended Construction Mechanic "A" school in Port Hueneme, California. He then was transferred to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three in Port Hueneme and deployed to four different areas consisting of the Philippine Islands, Gaum, Iraq and Kuwait. During his deployment to Iraq, he was in numerous combat encounters and was in direct contact of more than a dozen IED attacks. His primary mission was to move high profile persons throughout the theatre and provide IED security for convoy groups; during one of these missions, CM1 Cripe's vehicle was struck by IEDs, small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades on several occasions resulting in many concussions, shoulder dislocation, traumatic brain injury, hearing loss and PTSD.

While he served in the military, until 2014, he operated in the role of Construction Equipment Mechanic, Tactical Movement Team Leader, Seabee Combat Warfare and Range Instructor, Embarkation Team Leader, Career Counselor and Operations Officer.

Mealing, an Army veteran, enlisted for service in January 2001 after graduating from high school in 1998 and completing two years of college where he received his Associate Degree in Arts. He completed his training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and

then was stationed at Ft. Hood. He was deployed twice in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom; both deployments were direct combat missions in support of the 4th Infantry Division and 4-42 FSC Battalion. During his last deployment in Iraq, Mealing was wounded by an IED blast during a recovery mission.

"I served as a heavy equipment transporter (88M HET Operator) which included supervising or operating wheel vehicles to transport personnel and cargo," Mealing said.

During his time in the service, Mealing earned several awards and decorations including: Purple Heart, National Defense Services Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Services Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Services Ribbon (2nd award) Combat Action Badge. He is currently employed at the local VA hospital and resides in Big Spring.

"The closing event on Saturday is an opportunity for the community to join in the celebration and show their appreciation," Tarpley said. "You get to see how much it means to the community to get to come in and say thank you to a veteran. They veterans are less than 1% of the nation they serve and many may not get that opportunity."

Tarpley continued, "This is really special, especially when you hear feedback from the veterans family, friends and co-workers letting you know that one weekend made a difference in their lives. It's those positive comments that make you realize, we are doing something good here."

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

Enrollment Open for Texas Tuition Promise Fund®

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds families that open enrollment in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund®, the state's prepaid college tuition program, began Sept. 1 and runs through Feb. 28, 2021. The Texas Tuition Promise Fund offers parents and loved ones the chance to prepay a child's future higher education at Texas public colleges and universities at today's prices, excluding medical and dental institutions.

"With everything that's going on right now, thinking about how to pay for college may not be at the top of many parents' minds," Hegar said. "Yet one day it will be time to enroll your loved one in a college or university, and a Texas Tuition Promise Fund account is an additional tool to help save for your children's future education."

Participants in the plan purchase prepaid "tuition units" that can be used later toward undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at most Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions. Prices are based on 2020-21 academic year costs for the state's public colleges and universities.

Type I units, priced for undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at the most expensive eligible Texas public four-year university or college, cost \$151.64 per unit.

Type II units, based on the weighted average cost of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees across eligible Texas public four-year universities and colleges, cost \$108.35 per unit.

Type III units, based on the weighted average cost of in-district tuition and schoolwide required fees across eligible Texas public two-year community colleges, cost \$28.81 per unit.

Under the plan, 100 units equal roughly one academic year consisting of 30 semester hours of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at the eligible Texas public school that most closely matches the unit's pricing base. Participants can purchase up to 600 Type I units — approximately six academic years — or the dollar equivalent of Type II or III units.

The plan's flexible payment options include lump-sum payments, installment payments that include 6 percent interest or a pay-as-you-go option that allows participants to gradually add more units as the family budget allows. Enrollment requires payment of a one-time application fee of \$25 and the purchase of at least one tuition unit of any type. Texas residency requirements apply. Future payments can be as low as \$15 if a pay-as-you-go account is established. An online calculator provides pricing estimates on the type and number of units currently needed for any eligible Texas public college or university.

For more information about this prepaid college tuition program, including how the plan applies a Transfer Value for use at Texas medical and dental institutions, Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities, and career schools, go to TuitionPromise.org or call 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

The program's outreach team also offers webinars to provide an overview of the plan and discuss the different tuition unit types and payment options,

as well as provide information about Texas Match the Promise Foundation matching scholarship opportunities*. Upcoming webinars are Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. and Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. All times are Central Standard Time.

Participation in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund does not guarantee admission to or graduation from any college or university. Only the purchaser may direct rollovers, Contract changes, withdrawals and changes in the designated beneficiary.

Purchasers should carefully consider the risks, administrative fees, service and other charges and expenses associated with the contracts, including Plan termination and decreased transfer or refund value. Transfer value is limited to the lesser of (1) the costs the Tuition Unit would cover at a public in-state college or university or (2) the original purchase price of the Tuition Unit plus or minus the Plan's net investment earnings or losses on that amount.

The Plan Description and Master Agreement contains this and other information about the Plan and may be obtained by visiting TuitionPromise.org or calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5. Purchasers should read these documents carefully before purchasing a contract. Neither a contract nor any return paid with a refund is insured or guaranteed by the FDIC, the state of Texas, the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, any other state or federal governmental agency or NorthStar or its affiliates. The contracts have not been registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission or with any state.

Residency restrictions, age requirements, eligibility criteria household income restrictions and contribution requirements apply.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

John Randal Lewis, 61, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Weather

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Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 98.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71.

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

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Police Department."

A Joyful Season shopping expo began in 2013 in Big Spring. According to Pinkerton, because of the outstanding vendors and support from the community, the event grows more every year. They have even added Midland Market, which is taking place Nov. 6 and 7, 2020 at the Bush Convention Center in Midland.

"We are blessed to have their support and are so thankful for the Big Spring community, the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, and our fall show sponsor, Pirkle Weir Insurance. We invite the public to support the hard-working entrepreneurs and have some fun. It's a nice way to step away from social media, video games, and TV. We will be set up for three days to make sure everyone has an opportunity to come out and enjoy," she said.

Interested vendors may apply at www.ajoyfulseason.org. Email ajoyfulseason@gmail.com for advertisement opportunities.

Admission is \$5 a day or \$7 for a weekend pass. Kids 12 & under get in for free. Shopping totes will also be given to the first 1,000 guests, courtesy of Pirkle Weir Insurance Agency and Mique Yarbar, Home Realtors Realtor.

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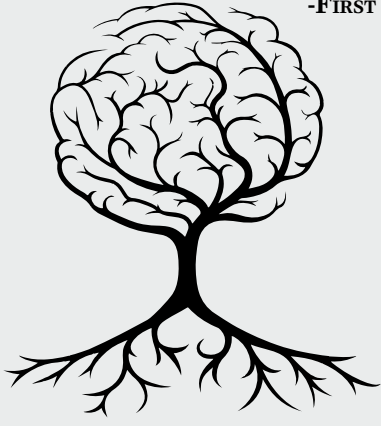


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DAILY PRAYER

May we express how much we care
for You, Lord, through our
actions. Amen

A top ten runner

Running is like breathing to Dave Dial, who lives on the family ranch near the community of Grovetown, just outside of Crockett.

In terms of lifetime running distance, Dave ranks number 9 and is moving up. He has run more than 203,000 miles. The top runner in lifetime miles is 85 years old and lives in California. He has run over 300,000 miles.

I had no idea there was even a running category for lifetime miles, nor did I know there was a ranking among the top 10. Only 10 people in the US have run more than 200,000 miles. Dave has been running since he was 5 and started keeping records at age 16 after getting acquainted with Running Magazine.

He runs twice a day: 10 miles in

the morning, 8 miles in the afternoon. He has not missed a day of running in 13 years and has the records to prove it. He keeps a notebook of his miles and puts down time, temperature, where he runs and how long it takes to run a mile.

"I usually run a mile in 7 or 8 minutes," says Dave. "In the morning that takes me about an hour and 15 minutes. The afternoon run takes just over an hour."

Although Dave gave away all his trophies and ribbons there is one record he is proud of. In his earlier days, he entered the Boston Marathon.

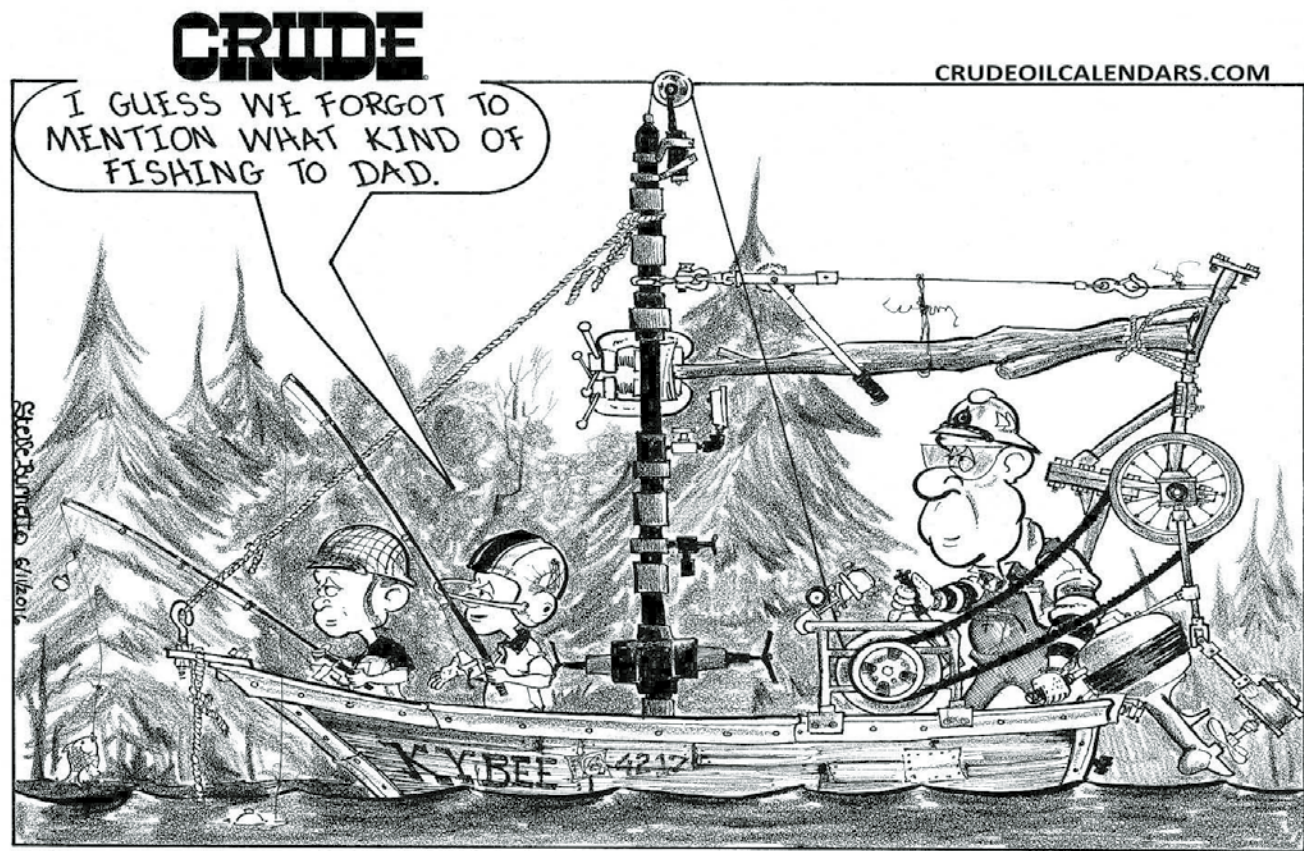
"When I was 19 I set a record that still stands for the junior class. That's for runners 20 years old and under. I ran it in 2 hours, 24 minutes and 18 seconds. That's averaging 5 and a half minutes per mile for 26.2 miles."

Dave turned 60 this summer. He weighs 130 pounds and stands just under 6 feet.

He has planned his running schedule based on previous



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Farewell for awhile

Few emotional swings reach from the highest high to lowest low in a period of 60 hours. My wife Brenda and I celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary on August 12. Three days later, our oldest daughter, Julie Choate, succumbed to a pulmonary embolism.

In a two-hour period, efforts to revive her failed; her airlift to a Fort Worth hospital was for naught.

She was 50, exuberant, optimistic, hard-working and a champion of the underdog, spending most waking hours as principal at McCall Elementary School in Aledo. She and her school team were set to take on many uncertainties, most of which involved COVID-19. They were determined to take on the new school year with flexibility and resolve, challenged to make each day better than the one before.

Unashamedly Christian, she "wore her heart on her sleeve," one colleague said at her August 22 memorial service. It was held at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth where one of the Metroplex's largest auditoriums made seating possible (social distancing observed) for 625. Many times that number are believed to have seen livestreaming, including Christians in India benefiting from Far Corners Missions. Bryan, Julie's husband of 27 years, joined the ministry in 2018.

They've planted a Julie Choate memorial flower garden in India. We'll be forever grateful for the wording on the plaque: "...A beloved daughter of the Most High, a beacon of light, and the fragrance of the grace of Christ."

Julie was BIG on grace—both extending it and claiming it. She strongly believed that grace changes things.

Though she insisted on laughter—mostly at her expense—she knew there are times when tears are every bit as important. Triumphant moments—as well as pratfalls—were revisited by clergy, colleagues and friends. Soon after knee surgery a couple of years back, she tripped over a curb as she walked to her office. Immediately, she pulled

the segment from the security video, then shared it with her McCall team. It showed her going to the ground with her laptop, purse and soft drink, sprawling on the ground with an arm extended to show she'd saved the drink.

Regularly taking food, furniture and more to the less fortunate, she once arranged for board members and fellow administrators to see first-hand where underprivileged lived.

She strongly believed that the ground at the foot of the cross is exceedingly level, and hers was an unending effort to help everyone feel that there is good in them, and that she'd help them find it.

An accomplished pianist, she was ready to play when music was needed. More importantly, her life was a melody of optimism. (Indeed, her children, 19-year-old Benjamin and 16-year-old Brittin, continue a musical legacy, and they sang a duet via video at the service.)

Words from deep in hearts comforted. Parents never tire of hearing such comments. We silently questioned "why?," knowing that we'll never know this side of eternity.

While spoken words were valued, so were messages written in chalk on her school's sidewalks. Dozens of students made their way to say good-bye. "We miss

you, Mrs. Choate," and similar sentiments, made us weep when we visited McCall Elementary School a few hours after the service.

Colleagues said this champion educator "taught us to live joyfully."

We rejoice that she lived out her faith in service, and that we'll see her again up the way.

A friend who has attended more than a thousand funeral services and officiated at several hundred said it was the most spiritually meaningful funeral service he has ever attended. That's strong praise.

A dozen years ago, I attended the funeral of a friend's father. At the end of the service, "I'll Be Seeing You"—one of the deceased's favorite secular songs—was sung. Congregational tears flowed when lyrics reached "I'll be looking at the moon, but I'll be seeing you."

When I glance skyward at the moon and stars accenting the night, I'll think the same thing. In dreams, I'll assure her that the service included many stories that made us smile. I'll also apologize for my answer to an unidentified woman who said, "Julie looked much like you." I answered, "We bought identical masks at the same store on the same day." I'll also tell her that the groceries left in her car trunk for hungry families have been delivered, and that her mom and I—her sisters Jana and Jeanie and all family members—miss her greatly.

For consolation, we'll pull out one of her many messaged t-shirts. Maybe we'll start with one reminiscent of her incurable optimism: "I'm fine. It's fine. Everything is fine."

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Forsan drops home opener to No. 1 Post Antelopes 39-7 Friday night

By SHAWN MORAN
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The Forsan Buffaloes (0-2) had their hands full on Friday night when the No. 1-ranked Post Antelopes came to town. It was the first game ever played on the newly dedicated Roger Hudgins Field at Buffalo Stadium and the Antelopes ran away with a 39-7 win over the Buffs.

"They're the best team in the state, there's no doubt about it," Forsan Coach Jason Phillips said. "They are good everywhere. When you play teams like that, you see what you need to work on. We want tough competition."

Forsan received the opening kickoff on Friday night in front of a packed Buffalo Stadium. However, following two runs that were stopped behind the line of scrimmage and an incomplete pass from quarterback Major Stockton, the Buffs were forced to punt the ball, away after a quick three-and-out.

That was the Buffs first chance to see the Post offense up close this season. The Antelopes started the drive at their own 26-yard line and were able to quickly move into Forsan territory. One screen pass caught by Post running back Ashton Jefferson was taken 39 yards down the field when he weaved his way from the left to the right side of the field and broke through several tackles. Forsan's Paul Evans had a nice swatted pass at the line during that drive and there was also a sure-fire interception that was dropped by the Buffs near the goal line. After converting on one fourth down play, the Antelopes' Nathan McDaniel took a carry down to the 1-yard line. Post quarterback Slayden Pittman then ran a sneak right up the middle that he was able to get into the end zone. Following a successful extra point kick, Post found themselves with a 7-0 lead with just under half of the first quarter played.

Forsan's second offensive drive was arguably tougher than the first. After a first down run for only one yard, Post was able to quickly get into the Forsan backfield on the next two plays for two sacks. This gave Forsan a fourth-and-a-mile situation. To make matters worse, the usually strong-legged Nolan Park had one kick go off the side of his foot for a very short punt.

Post then took over on Forsan's 27-yard line and it did not take long for them to find the end zone once again. The Buffalo defense had some very strong moments that seemed to be offset by big plays made by Post. For example, after a pass deflection by Nate Hernandez and a fumbled snap by Post that was stopped in the backfield, the Antelopes had the ball at the 12-yard line in a 3rd-and-11 situation. Back-to-back runs by Pittman out of the backfield ended with a fourth



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Above left: Wide receiver Bradlee Saucedo (14) waits to run his route against Post's Avery Clarkson (9).

down conversion and another Antelope score on the board. This time, they failed miserably on a creative two-point conversion attempt and Post held a 13-0 lead with over two minutes left in the first quarter.

The Buffs' offense once again was unable to get anything going on their next drive and had to punt the ball away to the Antelopes once again. The Post drive was started off with a 40-yard run by the strong and shifty Jefferson. The Antelopes were then called for a holding and followed that up with a bad snap from the center that went over Pittman's head and set up and 3rd-and-very long. There was a short completion that gained some of the yardage back. Then, facing a 4th-and-31, Post decided to run a fake with Jefferson running off of right end for 32 yards. The next play was an 11-yard touchdown pass from Pittman to Josiah Ward. The two-point conversion once again failed and Post held a 19-0 lead in the second quarter.

"A lot of that (on defense) is mental," Phillips said. "And plus we were playing a really solid offensive team in Post. We're going to fix those issues and these kids will respond well."

On the next Forsan drive, they made the switch to Sawyer Stallings at quarterback and also began to run a hurry-up offense. Tight end Brandon Valdez had two amazing catches on the drive with one of them landing the Buffs at the Post 1-yard line. Overall, the Buffs moved steadily down the field on their only scoring drive of the game and punched it in from one yard out with powerful running back Nate Hernandez. The extra point was a good kick by Park and the Buffs trailed 19-7 with just over two minutes to go in the first half.

Post moved quickly down the field to answer right back. The drive was defined by a 27-yard catch by

Ward that put the Antelopes deep in Forsan territory. A few plays later, Pittman took it upon himself once again and charged into the end zone from four yards out for another Post score. This time, Post decided to kick for the extra point and converted on it successfully, giving the Antelopes a 26-7 lead at halftime.

There was a halftime ceremony that dedicated the field to the late Roger Hudgins and included the giving of a plaque to his wife. It was a nice ceremony and all current and future Forsan players should be proud to play on such a great field.

The first possession for Post in the second half ended with a turnover on downs after Pittman could not convert on a short run.

Forsan followed that up with another three-and-out after they were unable to get anything going.

The next Post drive began at their own 4-yard line and ended with them in the end zone. The drive consisted of three runs over over 20 yards (one by Pittman, two by Jefferson) and ended with a strike of a touchdown pass from Pittman to Krece Kirkpatrick on a slant where he rolled out and escaped two tackles before deliv-

ering the beautiful pass that ended up as another touchdown. The extra point kick was no good and the Antelopes lead the Buffaloes 32-7 with a couple minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Forsan's Stockton then came back out at quarterback and proceeded to throw an interception on the ensuing drive. Post once again took advantage of the Forsan mistake and ended up in the end zone once again following an 11-yard touchdown run by Avery Clarkson. The extra point was good and the Antelopes new lead was 39-7.

The fourth quarter was pretty uneventful outside of a great interception grab by McDaniel by Post on the far sideline. The Antelopes got the ball back with just under four minutes left and were able to run out the rest of the clock to complete their big road victory.

The Forsan defense looked very strong at times and had a lot of positive things to build on heading forward in the season. On the other hand, the offense has still yet to catch its groove and will need to be more consistent. Overall, it was not all bad and playing a top team such as Post can point out plenty of things that the Buffs need to work on.

"It still boils down to execution on both sides of the ball," Phillips said. "We're executing well, but not well enough. There's nothing I'm seeing that is a major weakness for us, but just some things that we've got to fix. We had a good week of practice last week, this week was better, and I expect my guys to respond and it's going to be even better next week. That's just the kind of competitors they are."

UP NEXT: Forsan will take on Stanton next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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MLB Standings (Through 9/4/20)

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	
EAST									
Tampa Bay Rays	26	12	.684	-	12-5	14-7	196	154	
Toronto Blue Jays	20	16	.556	5	8-5	12-11	168	150	
New York Yankees	20	16	.556	5	14-7	6-9	176	156	
Baltimore Orioles	16	20	.444	9	7-14	9-6	170	189	
Boston Red Sox	12	26	.316	14	6-15	6-11	172	238	
CENTRAL									
Cleveland Indians	23	14	.622	-	9-7	14-7	158	105	
Chicago White Sox	23	15	.605	0.5	11-9	12-6	198	156	
Minnesota Twins	22	16	.579	1.5	14-4	8-12	170	138	
Detroit Tigers	17	17	.500	4.5	9-10	8-7	169	182	
Kansas City Royals	14	24	.368	9.5	7-10	7-14	148	185	
WEST									
Oakland Athletics	22	12	.647	-	13-4	9-8	164	128	
Houston Astros	21	15	.583	2	16-6	5-9	191	164	
Seattle Mariners	15	22	.405	8.5	7-8	8-14	156	199	
Texas Rangers	13	23	.361	10	9-10	4-13	131	193	
Los Angeles Angels	13	25	.342	11	8-12	5-13	177	204	
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
	W	L	PCT	GB	HOME	AWAY	RS	RA	
EAST									
Atlanta Braves	22	14	.611	-	12-4	10-10	192	157	
Philadelphia	18	15	.545	2.5	14-9	4-6	183	171	
Miami Marlins	16	16	.500	4	2-9	14-7	132	143	
New York Mets	17	21	.447	6	7-10	10-11	174	188	
Washington	12	23	.343	9.5	6-13	6-10	160	177	
CENTRAL									
Chicago Cubs	22	15	.595	-	12-8	10-7	179	163	
St. Louis Cardinals	14	14	.500	3.5	8-7	6-7	126	107	
Milwaukee Brewers	17	19	.472	4.5	8-10	9-9	144	180	
Cincinnati Reds	16	21	.432	6	8-11	8-10	146	174	
Pittsburgh Pirates	11	24	.314	10	6-11	5-13	143	191	
WEST									
L.A. Dodgers	29	10	.744	-	14-5	15-5	218	120	
San Diego Padres	23	16	.590	6	12-6	11-10	222	174	
Colorado Rockies	18	19	.486	10	9-12	9-7	182	217	
San Francisco	18	20	.474	10.5	9-8	9-12	201	205	
Arizona D'Backs	14	24	.368	14.5	9-9	5-15	154	192	

Coahoma blanks Miles on the road for 49-0 win



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Sean Striegler makes his way down the field in the big 49-0 win over Miles. The Bulldogs are now 2-0.

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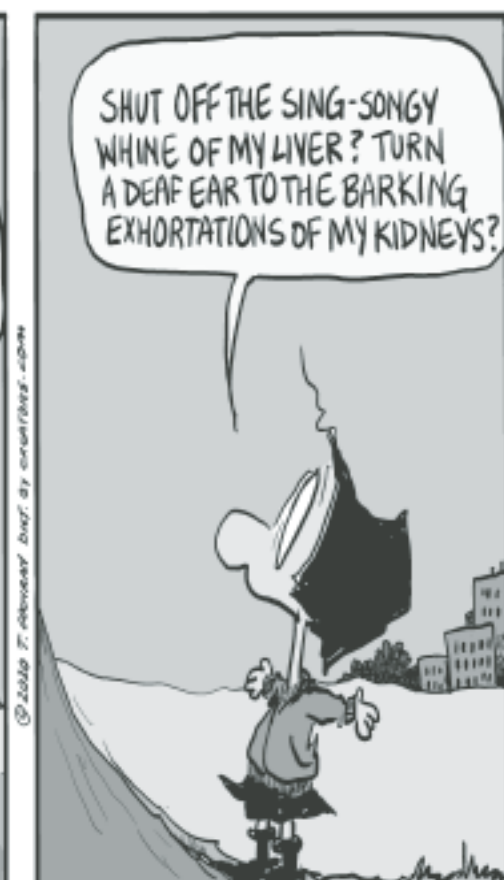
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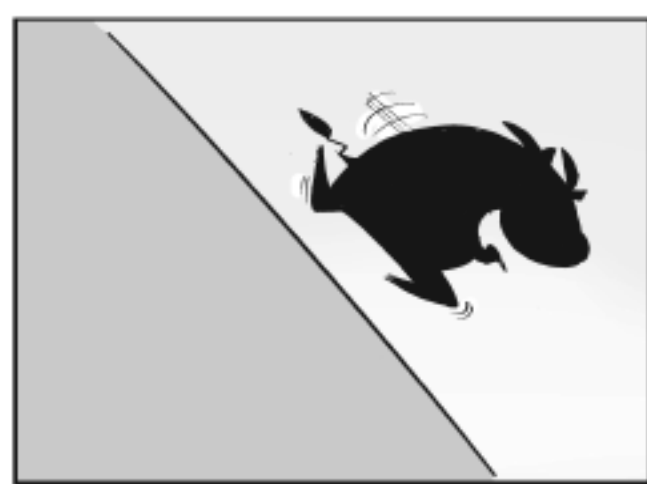
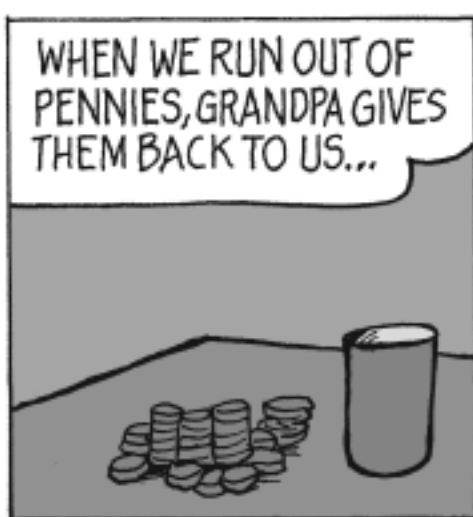
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by Smythe



Check this out, at the library this week

There is still time to respond to the census, if you have responded check with friends and neighbors and encourage them to respond. A complete count can make a huge difference for Howard County and Texas. "In Texas, 25 percent of the population (over 6 million people) live in "hard-to-count" communities, where past self-response rates have been particularly low. Studies project 9 percent of the "hard-to-count" population (570,000+) will not be tallied in 2020 resulting in a loss of \$2.7 billion per year in federal funding for the next decade."-raiseyourhandtexas.org. Help Howard County count in the

2020 Census, respond to the census today, online, by phone or mail, visit 2020census.gov for more information. You can also come by the library, we have dedicated computers to be used to complete the census. There is no need to make an appointment or to have a library card, ask at the front desk.

This week's reviews include fiction in audiobook format. LAPD Lieutenant Milo Sturgis has solved a lot of murder cases in "The Museum of Desire" (AUCD F KEL J) by Jonathan Kellerman. On many of them, the ones he calls "different," he taps the brain of brilliant psychologist Dr. Alex Delaware. But neither Alex nor Milo is prepared for what they find on an early morning call to a deserted mansion in Bel Air. This one's beyond different. This is predation, premeditation, and cruelty on a whole new

level. Four people have been slaughtered and left displayed bizarrely and horrifically in a stretch limousine. Confounding the investigation, none of the victims seems to have any connection to any other, and a variety of methods have been used to dispatch them. As Alex and Milo make their way through blind alleys and mazes baited with misdirection, they encounter a crime so vicious that it stretches the definitions of evil.

Set over the course of five decades, "The Dutch House" (AUCD F PAT A) by Ann Patchett, Tom Hanks (Narrator), is a dark fairy tale about siblings who cannot overcome their past. Despite every outward sign of success, Danny and Maeve are only truly comfortable when they're together. Throughout their lives they return to the well-worn story of what they've lost with humor and rage. But when at last they're forced to confront the people who left them behind, the relationship between an indulged brother and his ever-protective sister is finally tested. The Dutch House is the story of a paradise lost, it digs deeply into questions of inheritance, love and forgiveness, of how we want to see ourselves and of who we really are.

The city of Miami is Detective Tom Moon's backyard in "Lost" (AUCD F PAT J) by James Patterson and James O. Born. He's always kept it local, attending University of Miami on a football scholarship, and, as a Miami PD officer, protecting the city's most vulnerable. Now, as the new leader of an FBI task force called "Operation Guardian," he is combatting international crime. Moon's investigative team discovers that the opportunistic "Blood Brothers," Russian nationals Roman and Emile Ros-

toff, have evaded authorities while building a vast, powerful, and deadly crime syndicate throughout Europe and metropolitan Miami. Moon played offense for UM, but he's on the other side of the field this time. As the Rostoffs zero in on a target dear to Tom, they're not playing by anyone's rules.

In a Virginia penitentiary, Alex Cross and his partner, John Sampson, witness the execution of a killer they helped convict in "Criss Cross" (AUCD F PAT J) by James Patterson. Hours later, they are called to the scene of a copycat crime. A note signed "M" rests on the corpse. "You messed up big time, Dr. Cross." Was an innocent man just put to death? Alex soon realizes he may have much to answer for, as "M" lures the detective out of the capital to the sites of multiple homicides, all marked with distressingly familiar details, details that conjure up decades-old cases. Details that conjure up Cross family secrets. Details that make clear that M is after a prize so dear that, were the killer to attain it, Alex's heart would no longer have reason to beat.

"Even most of those who really never have time to read a book usually have more than enough time to listen to one." Mokokoma Mokhonoana

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DPS Increases Enforcement for Labor Day Holiday

AUSTIN – Whether you're just driving around town or traveling the open roads this Labor Day, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) encourages all motorists to practice safe driving habits and exercise caution throughout the holiday weekend.

Beginning Friday, Sept. 4, through Monday, Sept. 7, the Texas Highway Patrol will increase its enforcement on Texas roads. Troopers will be looking for drivers who violate the law, including those not wearing their seat belts, speeding, driving while intoxicated and failing to comply with the state's Move Over, Slow Down law, among other traffic violations.

"DPS reminds all travelers to be responsible and practice safe driving habits this Labor Day," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "It's imperative for everyone to do their part to keep our roadways safe, and DPS will also do our part by increasing patrols and enforcing traffic laws this holiday weekend."

During the 2019 Labor Day holiday, DPS Troopers issued 102,274 citations and warnings, including 10,506 citations for speeding; 1,461 seat belt and child safety restraint citations; and 938 warnings and citations for Move Over, Slow Down violations. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 489 DWI arrests, 358 fugitive arrests and 354 felony arrests.

Drivers are urged to follow these safety tips during the Labor Day holiday: Don't drink and drive. Make alternate plans if you are consuming alcohol. Move Over or Slow Down for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Show the same courtesy to fellow drivers who are stopped on the side of the road.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it's the law. Slow down, especially in bad weather, heavy traffic, unfamiliar areas or construction zones.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits the use of portable wireless devices to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped. Also, if you're using a navigation device or app, have a passenger operate it, so you can keep your eyes on the road.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel can present additional challenges.

Don't drive fatigued — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

On multi-lane roadways, use the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to use the left lane for passing only (when posted).

If you can Steer It, Clear It: If you are involved in a non-injury crash and your vehicle can be moved, clear the traffic lanes to minimize traffic impact. Leaving vehicles in a traffic lane increases traffic congestion and leaves those involved with an increased risk of harm or a secondary wreck. On some highways, if you don't move your vehicle when it's safe to do so, it's against the law.

Check your vehicle to make sure it is properly maintained and always ensure your cargo is secure.

Report road hazards or anything suspicious to the nearest law enforcement agency.

Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. For road conditions and closures in Texas, visit Drive Texas.

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WALKING THROUGH HISTORY

Heritage Museum highlights Big Spring history

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The history roots run deep in Big Spring and Howard County. From the frontier days, to foundation in the medical industry, to the industrial side driving the local economy - the first footprints in the foundation of our community is preserved inside the walls of the Heritage Museum. Whether you are wanting to take a trip down memory lane to see what Big Spring looked like before the community was formed or you are wanting to find out more information about those who have helped build the medical field in our town into what it is today, stories abound in one central location for all to see.

The Caylor Exhibit - featured at left - highlights cattle drives, the trail followed by the first settlers and even the history of Caylor in a series of artwork that has been donated to the museum.

The refinery has undergone several name changes since it's inception, but the contributions to the local economy are evident. The Heritage Museum provides an opportunity to trace the history of the refinery back to the beginning. In addition, there is an opportunity to test your knowledge in a game of trivia while you are learning about the refinery and the production that is still flowing. Right next to the Refinery exhibit is an opportunity to take a photo along the Bankhead Highway. The Bankhead Highway paved the way for travel across the state and is just as important as Route 66 when it comes to connecting the world of travel.



HERALD photos/Iris Rangel and Amanda Duforat
Pictured above and at right: The Caylor exhibit located on the 2nd Floor of the Heritage Museum. Pictured below and below right: The Bankhead Highway and Refinery Exhibits.



Featured above, center, and at right are pieces of the Frontier Seamstress exhibit that is featured currently at the Heritage Museum. The museum will have this display up until the holiday season.

Happy Labor Day!
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The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: Where People and Pet's Connect Animals in disasters: are you prepared?

By **Melanie Gambrell**

Pet Care Specialist

As wildfires rage through our countrysides, hurricanes pound our beach fronts and severe weather alerts ring out, are YOU prepared to evacuate with your pets? Working closely with first responders, our local Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, I've been up close to how quickly a fire can move through a countryside or neighborhood. Over the years, I've been able to help save pets that have been left behind or where an owner wasn't home when the disaster began and I've also seen the aftermath and the heartache of the pets that didn't make it out. If you have pets that are home, please I encourage you to invest in the Pet Alert Stickers. These are placed on entry doors and windows that let first responders know that there are pets in the residence. Also the type of pets (birds, cats, dogs, fish, etc.) and number of pets in your home.

The AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) says that 60% of households today own at least one animal. It's been reported that 217 million people have estimated billions of animals have been effected by natural disasters every year since 1990 as reported by IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare). Living here in West Texas, most of us will have not only a dog or two, but several cats and maybe a horse or cow and even a couple of goats or sheep. We even know those that are raising chickens and pigs to help make ends meet.

Visiting with your family members on an evacuation plan may just save their lives and the lives of your domestic and livestock animals. It's been proven that some people's concern for their pets and their pet's safety is greater than the concern or safety for themselves. We've been shown many times that people will NOT leave their pet's behind in an emergency, thus putting themselves and first responders in harms way to save them. And for those animals

tra medication, copy of the pet's vaccination record, pictures of the pet, with emergency contact is a MUST. Keeping their harnesses, collars, and leashes by the door, making it easy to find and easy to attach to your pets. Grabbing 2-3 gallon bags depending on the size of your pet or pet food, dog or cat food and several cans of their wet food. Gathering up items such as these and placing them in an accessible area, where it's easy for you to

last hurricane, I saw several people looking for people with horse trailers or stock trailers to evacuate livestock after they were mandated to leave. I also read where several people inland, away from the storms, were offering safe places to move livestock. So, it's always a good idea to plan ahead and make a few phone calls because you just never know what tomorrow may bring.

In the event of an emergency, we

shelters and rescue groups. Over the past several years, I have been fortunate to attend and complete courses for animals in disasters.

If you are being evacuated and you have a service dog, know the laws pertaining to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990). This includes any guide dog, including but not limited to, impaired vision, impaired hearing, dogs that perform tasks or providing minimal protection or rescue work. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act (as amended by the 2006 Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act and Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act) states that State and Local emergency preparedness operational plans should address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals, as stated on the FEMA website.

Disasters can happen at any time, from a spark caused by a lightning storm that sets off a grass fire, to an electrical fire in your home caused by faulty wiring, to tornadoes, flooding, or hurricanes. Disasters can be manmade to natural and only lasting a few minutes, hours or even in days and months. Be prepared and be safe, sometimes

minutes are all that you may have to make it out safe.

For more information, contact



Courtesy Photo

A malnourished horse in the recent hurricane disaster being fed by a volunteer.

grab as you're running out the door will make a huge difference for you and your pets. You might even want to consider purchasing a weather tight tote or sealed crate just for all your pet's items, something easy to grab and can be easily stored in case of an emergency.

Make sure that all tag or microchip information is correct and leave alternate phone numbers to family and friends. Cell phone coverage may be down in the area effected by the disaster and having a contact out-of-state is a good idea. If you are moving horses and are able to place an ID tag on their halters, with your phone number and address, that is always a great idea.

Plan ahead by making phone calls to hotels and motels in your surrounding areas. Some hotels welcome pets of all sizes, where others may have a size limit on the pet. Find out if, in case of an emergency or disaster, will they amend their policies to accommodate all pets? Find out if they have an area to house livestock or if a sale barn or arena is available for horses or cattle. During this

all know that adrenaline and emotions will be running high, but keeping calm and collected and keeping a

clear head will always win out. Our

pets are so in tune to out emotions. When we're upset, they quickly pick up on that and the stress and fear will resonate to our pets. Keep calm, remember the plan, and all will be alright.



Courtesy Photo

A pet struggling to get out of dangerous waters waits for the arrival of rescue.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) supports citizens as well as first responders in working together to help prepare and protect in the event of emergencies. Along with other agencies like HUSU (Humane Society of the United States) have classes to teach local and state agencies, along with individuals with emergency management training for

www.fema.gov or www.disasterassistance.gov or contact me @ r4thepets@aol.com

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Courtesy Photo

A dog that was left behind during a disaster looks out for hope during a rescue.

that were left behind, our hearts break and we ask ourselves, how could they do that, just go off and leave them chained or in kennels. To leave them behind to fend for themselves!

Let's begin with making a list of things that we should gather up and keep close at hand. Having crates, portable kennels and stock trailers to move animals to safety is probably at the top of the list for me. Having the numbers that I do, it's impossible to try to get all of my animals to fit nicely in my vehicle. Having a plan, knowing where each animal should go will help lessen the stress if a disaster arises.

If you have a pet that is on medication, having a zip lock baggie with ex-

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Chamber of Commerce happenings



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of Mekason Pharmacy, located on Highway 87 near Walmart, this past week. Chamber Ambassadors, board members and Mekason owners/staff, joined together to show off the new pharmacy and discuss their plans for serving the community. Ambassadors posed for a photo in recognition of the community partnership. Pictured above: The Chamber Ambassadors joined together to celebrate with a ribbon cutting. Pictured left: The owners and pharmacist at Mekason Pharmacy pose inside the newly opened pharmacy.

Public Records

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Highlighting Howard Co. Business Serving up a family tradition - Cowboys Steakhouse Restaurant

By **CARRIE HARVELL**

Herald Contributing Writer

Family comes together around the dinner table. A meal is one way families have come together over the years, whether over the dinner table, or for one local family, at the family restaurant. Cowboys Steakhouse and Restaurant is a long standing staple in Big Spring, and since it's inception has been a family affair.

Johnnie Hobbs bought the restaurant as Gunslingers and ran it under that name for a year then changed it to Cowboys. He was a big fan of western shows. Not only did he run the restaurant but he coached little league for 40 years. Everyone in town knew him.

After 10 years he retired and his son Leon took over with his wife Frances. Leon had previously



Courtesy photo
Kimberly Hobbs Pierce stands at the check out counter at Cowboys Steakhouse Restaurant. The family has been serving Howard County for decades.

worked for Ben E. Keith. One way or another he has been involved with food his whole life. In 2015 he retired and moved to the Austin area and his daughter Kimberly Hobbs Pierce took over. Before taking over the restaurant she was a teacher in Midland for 11 years. At some point in their lives everyone in the family has worked in the restaurant.

When Johnnie passed the restaurant down to his son Leon they did some remodeling and updating, but overall the look

and the atmosphere has remained the same since it was first opened.

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Weekly gas report from GasBuddy

Editor's Note: Gas Buddy tracks the gas price rise and fall, while each week sending out an update on the surrounding area. The reports are sent out Monday mornings.

Gas Buddy Report

Special to the Herald

Texas gas prices have risen 3.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.91/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 3.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 37.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.51/g today while the most expensive is \$2.49/g, a difference of 98.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.51/g while the highest is \$2.49/g, a difference of 98.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.22/g today. The national average is up 4.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 34.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

and the national average going back ten years:

- August 31, 2019: \$2.28/g (U.S. Average: \$2.57/g)
- August 31, 2018: \$2.60/g (U.S. Average: \$2.83/g)
- August 31, 2017: \$2.32/g (U.S. Average: \$2.51/g)
- August 31, 2016: \$2.03/g (U.S. Average: \$2.22/g)
- August 31, 2015: \$2.22/g (U.S. Average: \$2.47/g)
- August 31, 2014: \$3.23/g (U.S. Average: \$3.43/g)
- August 31, 2013: \$3.40/g (U.S. Average: \$3.58/g)
- August 31, 2012: \$3.67/g (U.S. Average: \$3.83/g)
- August 31, 2011: \$3.46/g (U.S. Average: \$3.61/g)
- August 31, 2010: \$2.51/g (U.S. Average: \$2.65/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Midland Odessa- \$2.07/g, up 13.1 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.94/g.

San Antonio- \$1.78/g, down 0.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.79/g.

Austin- \$1.85/g, down 0.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.85/g.

"Gas prices have reached their highest post-coronavirus level as Hurricane Laura caused Gulf

Coast refineries to shut, limiting production as gasoline demand edged higher," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The rebound in demand comes with just a week left in the summer driving season and isn't expected to continue once the driving season wraps up, but while some may see prices tick higher over the next few days, more decreases are coming to gas prices once Labor Day is over as demand will likely move lower. In addition, the switch back to cheaper winter gasoline will happen in a few weeks, giving more potential downward momentum for prices."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey covering credit card transactions at 100,000 stations and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on 7,000 gas stations, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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“The signs around the restaurant are a big attraction, customers like to take pictures of them,” Kimberly Hobbs Pierce, said. “Some have even been stolen. The Cowboy Commandments are a big hit; our tables with local advertising are very popular with local business. We try to change them out every three years, and just recently we added a new venting system in the kitchen.”

While the menu face may have changed over the years, the food remains the same. The recipes are family traditions that have been developed over the years also with a few suggestions from longtime customers.

“We specialize in home cooking. However, if someone request something special if we can make it, we will. We have changed the menu a few times, however we soon learned our customers are not fans of change,” she said. “Our menus have a wide selection and we try to cater to all diets and budgets.”

She continued, “We are very family oriented. People like it here because they have memories here. We have customers who started coming here when they were young and then brought their children, and now their grandchildren. We try to make all our customers feel like family.”

The clientele at Cowboys even drive from out of town to enjoy the well-talked about menu. According to Pierce, a large part of our customer base is the older generation. The regulars will visit the restaurant several times a week, and each have their favorite place to sit. Staff has come to know those who have made Cowboys a favorite, and can even have their order and drinks ready before the customer tells them what they want.

“The buffet was a special favorite. Everyone was disappointed when we had

to close it because of COVID. We are planning on opening it back up as soon as we can,” she said. “We had to make some adjustments during COVID but none of our staff lost their jobs. We offered delivery and curbside service. We do not deliver now, but we did keep the curbside service.”

In addition to altering service methods, Cowboys even expanded and helped meet the need of the community by ordering hard to find items. As the community struggled to find some basic necessities, Cowboys added some extras to the “menu” and offered toilet paper, paper towels, and other household items that were needed during this time.

“We have always been community oriented. We are involved in fund raisers, and supporting our local sports teams. We use local advertisers, and support the buy local shop local movement,” she said. “Any money spent here stays in the community. Our staff have been with us for years, some as long as I have. We are a blessed business and we try to pay it forward, because doing good brings good. We give discounts to teachers and first responders. We try to keep our prices as low as we can to help our community.”

She continued, “Our customers are very loyal and they have helped make it a success. We are excited to win 5 Big Spring Herald Best Awards this year: Best Steak, Best Steak House, Best Chicken Fried Steak, Best salad bar, and Best Causal dinning.”

“We plan on being here for a long time still. We are open seven days a week because people need a place to eat on Sundays and Mondays. We have stayed open on holidays in the past and plan on continuing to,” Kimberly Hobbs Pierce, said.

Cowboys continues to serve Big Spring, through call in orders and dine-in options.

For more information or to place an order, call 432-263-0181. Hours are 11 am to 8:30 pm Monday thru Sunday.

RECORDS

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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
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Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas

Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses:

Ernest Alexander Hernandez, 40, and Donna Gayle Brabham, 38, both of Big Spring.

Jeremy Solis, 29, and Mary Magdaline Rogers, 30, both of Big Spring.

Adrian Cruz, 46, and Lucy Escamilla, 47, both of El Paso.

David William Sousa, 30, and Marissa Andrea Garza, 24, both of Big Spring.

County Court Rulings

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

Defendant: Michael Dean Nall
Offense: Theft of property between \$100 and \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine; \$270 court costs; \$100 reimbursement fee; time served
Date: 07/13/2020

Defendant: Edward Martinez
Offense: Criminal trespass – habitation/shelter
Sentence: \$100 fine; \$270 court costs; \$60 reimbursement fee; time served
Date: 07/26/2020

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Leticia Casarez
Defendant: Herman Casarez
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: August 27, 2020

Plaintiff: Ashley Schwab
Defendant: Jonathon Schwab
Type of Case: Divorce – No children
Date: August 27, 2020

Plaintiff: Nelda Carter, individually and as independent executrix for the estate of Marion Green Carter, and Mary Ashley

Defendant: Glynn Mouton and Mouton & Mouton, a professional corporation
Type of Case: Civil Case - other
Date: August 28, 2020

Plaintiff: Newrez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Defendant: Bennie Pittman, Robert Pittman
Type of Case: Contract - other
Date: August 31, 2020

Plaintiff: Ashley Shugart
Defendant: Paul Shugart
Type of Case: Divorce - Children
Date: September 2, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Del Ray Schieber and Dawn Marie Tarver
Grantee: Darwin Lee Schieber
Property: The N/50' of the SW/4 of block No. 36 in College Heights
Date: August 17, 2020

Grantor: Timothy A. Helmstetler and Martha A. Helmstetler
Grantee: Timothy Josh Helmstetler
Property: Being a 1 acre tract out of a 10.01 acre tract out of the NE/4 of Sec. 41, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: June 4, 2020

Grantor: Martha A. Helmstetler
Grantee: Timothy J. Helmstetler
Property: Being a 1 acre tract out of a 10.01 acre tract out of the NE/4 of Sec. 41, block 32, T-1-S T&P RR Co.

Survey
Date: August 12, 2020

Grantor: Michelle Simmons
Grantee: Barbara J. Brauner and Theodore Ramirez
Property: All of my 1/3 interest in the following tract: Being 0.935 of an acre tract of land out of the West portion of Sec. 25, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: August 21, 2020

Grantor: Cyrstal V. Salas
Grantee: Luis Llamas Solis
Property: Lot 2, block 7 Cedar Crest Addition
Date: August 26, 2020

Grantor: Janet Linn Abner
Grantee: Kaitlin Lea Strickland
Property: Being lot 3, block 21, North Parkhill Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to a map or plat thereof of record in the County Clerk's office of Howard County, Texas commonly known as 1502 Pennsylvania, Big Spring, Texas 79720
Date: August 25, 2020
Grantor: Brittany Evans FKA Brittany Rowland
Grantee: K. Lemons Investments LLC
Property: Being the East 30' of Lot 2, and all of Lot 1, block 20, Washington Place
Date: August 27, 2020

Grantor: Kyle Heckler, executor of the Estate of Wilma Lee Heckler, under probate #P-15006 in the Howard County Clerk Records, Howard County, Texas

Grantee: Kyle Heckler, as his sole and separate property

Property: Tract 1: N/40 acres of the N/80 acres of SW/4 of Sec. 5, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey; Tract 2: A tract of land out of a 13.54 acre tract in NW/4, Sec. 4, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey; Tract 3: All that certain land out of NW/4 of Sec. 4, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co Survey; Tract 4: Being more or less two acres of land out of and part of the NW/4 of the NE/4 of Sec. 24 in block 32, T-2-N, T&P Ry Co. Surveys; Tract 5: Being the N/2, N/2, NW/4; N/2, N/2, SW/4; S/2 N/2 SW/4; and N/2 S/2 SW/4 of Sec. 4, block 32 T-1-N T&P Ry. Co.; Tract 6: Being lot 6 in block 26, original town of Big Spring; Tract 7: All of three connecting tracts of land out of and a part of Sec. 24 in block 32, T-2-N, Texas and Pacific RR Co. Surveys
Date: August 27, 2020

Grantor: Kyle Heckler, dealing with his sole and separate property
Grantee: Jeremy Heckler, as his sole and separate property

Property: Being 1 acre more or less in the SE/4 of the NE/4 of Sec. 24, block 32, T-1-N, commonly known as 12501 N. CR 35
Date: August 27, 2020

Grantor: Lila Williams Adkins, a widow
Grantee: Mollie Frances Adkins Madison
Property: Surface estate only of NE/4 of Sec. 45, block 34, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas save and except 5.0 acre tract conveyed to Joshua Ryan Madison et. ux. By special warranty deed dated

April 12, 2019, recorded in volume 1838, page 721, of official records of Howard County, Texas.

Date: August 26, 2020

Grantor: DeeDee Adkins Colwell, dealing in her separate property

Grantee: Mollie Frances Adkins Madison, as her sole and separate property

Property: Surface estates only NE/4 of Sec. 45, block 34, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, save and except 5.0 acre tract to Joshua Ryan Madison, et. us. By Special Warranty Deed dated April 12, 2019, recorded in Volume 1838, page 721, official records of Howard County, Texas.

Date: August 18, 2020

Grantor: Rbbert Roy Hillger, dealing with his sole and separate property

Grantee: David Henry Hillger and Debra Ann Hilger, a married couple

Property: Tract 1: A 14.77 acre tract out of SW/4 of Sec. 40, block 32, Township 1-South, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas and being more particularly described in Exhibit A; Tract 2: A 9.698 acre tract out of the W/2 of Sec. 40, block 32, Township 1-South T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas and being more particularly described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The tracts conveyed herein being the same as those tracts perviously conveyed by deed record at Vol. 1206, Page 145 of the Official Public Records of Howard County, Texas

Date: August 24, 2020

Grantor: Gloria Chavez, heir of Gary Melchor Rodriguez a/k/a Gary M. Rodriguez deceased (heir of Adela G. Rosales a/k/a Adela Rosales)

Grantee: Simon Eladio Zubiarte Jr.

Property: Beginning at a point in the west line of the Velma Marlin tract 150 ft South of concrete monument at the SE Corner of Block 15, Currie Extension to the Bauer Addition to the town of Big Spring and Howard County, Texas

Date: August 14, 2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lein

Grantor: Carrol R. Lewis and Sudie Lewis

Grantee: Bryan M. Harrison and Megan L. Harrison

Property: Being a 9.6 acre tract more or less out of the SW/4 of Sec. 30, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: August 21, 2020

Grantor: Jose M. Mireles and Raquel P. Mireles

Grantee: Matthew R. Sound and Erika P. Sound

Property: Being lot 4, block 18, College Park Estates

Date: August 26, 2020

Grantor: Frankie Allene Pearce, individually and as heir of the estate of Harold Lee Pearce, deceased

Grantee: Sara Guerra

Property: Lot 11, block No. 2, amended Piner Heights Addition an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas

Date: August 25, 2020

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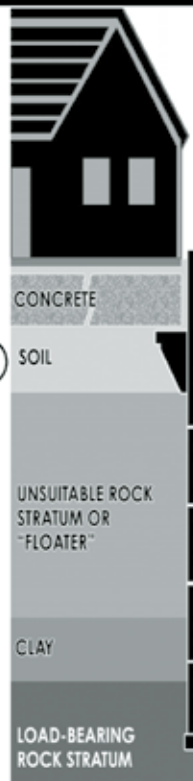
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East-West vulnerable.

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♠ Q 9 7 5 4
♥ 10 7 4
♦ A 9 6 2
♣ J

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

EAST
♠ —
♥ 8 6 5 2
♦ 8 7 5 4
♣ 10 8 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A 10 8 6 3 2
♥ K Q 9
♦ J
♣ Q 7 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♠ Dble 4♠
Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — king of clubs.
Endplays seldom come about by themselves. Declarer must usually do at least some preliminary preparation to develop the end position he seeks.
Consider the present case where West leads the king of clubs against four spades doubled, then shifts to the king of diamonds at trick two. Declarer wins with dummy's ace and sees that if the missing cards are badly stacked against him, he could

lose a spade and two hearts in addition to the club already lost.
South has no control over the trump loser if the spades are divided 2-0, so he should focus on holding himself to one heart loser instead of two. In line with this, he ruffs a diamond at trick three, the first step in the elimination process that he hopes will produce the desired result. Without this diamond ruff, South would lose the contract.
He next plays the ace of trump, on which East shows out, and continues by ruffing a club, a diamond, a club and, finally, dummy's last diamond. Having eliminated all the clubs and diamonds from his own hand and dummy, South is ready for the coup de grace.
At this point, dummy has three hearts and two trumps, as does South, while West is down to three hearts, a club and the trump king. Declarer now puts West on lead with a trump. West wins the trick — the second for his side — but he is not happy. If he returns a club, he hands South a ruff-and-discard and with it, the contract. And if he returns a heart instead, the outcome is exactly the same, since South then loses only one heart trick.
It pays to plan the play.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Till the Well Runs Dry

Dear Annie: I don't know if you would ever run my attached thoughts, but just writing them down has really helped me. I didn't think anyone could compete with Ann and Abby, but you have surpassed them both. Thank you for your wisdom and great, empathetic sense of humor.

WE NEVER KNEW ...

We never knew how much our parents loved us, and put up with us, until we had children of our own.

We never knew how dedicated and wise our teachers actually were until we became teachers ourselves.

We never knew how much special people in our lives did for us until they were gone.

We take for granted our good health.

And we never realized how not just physically debilitating but emotionally debilitating it was for our older loved ones to lose their sight, hearing and the ability to walk; to have to ask people for help, worrying about being a burden; and to deal with the fear and reality of being alone.

My 84 years have caught up with me, and I am now realizing how traumatic this stage was for my mom and dad. I regret not really realizing this until now. I regret not giving them more empathy and "more of me" because I was "busy."

My dad used to say, "You never miss the water until the well runs dry."

I would like to urge everyone to not take each other for granted and only realize their value when they are gone. Resolve to pay more attention to one

another now. And be especially aware of not just the physical trauma but the emotional trauma the elderly must face. Hopefully, then we won't have to say with regret that we never knew! -- I Know Now

Dear I Know Now: Thank you for your very wise insights. I love them and am printing them in the hopes they help others open their eyes and see how much of a gift life is every day.

"Things said or done long years ago,

"Or things I did not do or say

"But thought that I might say or do,

"Weigh me down, and not a day

"But something is recalled,

"My conscience or my vanity appalled."

So, Mortified, who has "cringe attacks" when recalling embarrassing memories, is not alone! -- Maine

Dear Maine: I love Yeats and the clever way he wrote about regret. But my suggestion to anyone with embarrassing memories is to let it go. There is a reason the front windshield in a car is so much bigger than the rearview mirror: The past is the past. There is nothing you can do about mistakes you made in the past except apologize to anyone you hurt and do better. Open up to the joy of today.

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

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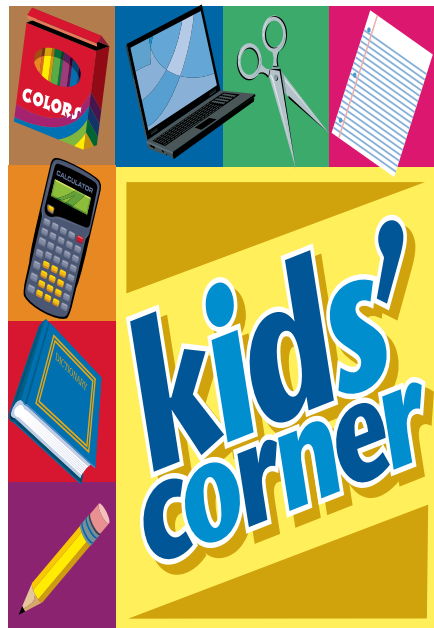
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7	1	8	2	5	4	3	1	8
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9	4	6	7	8	2	3	5	1
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ANSWER:

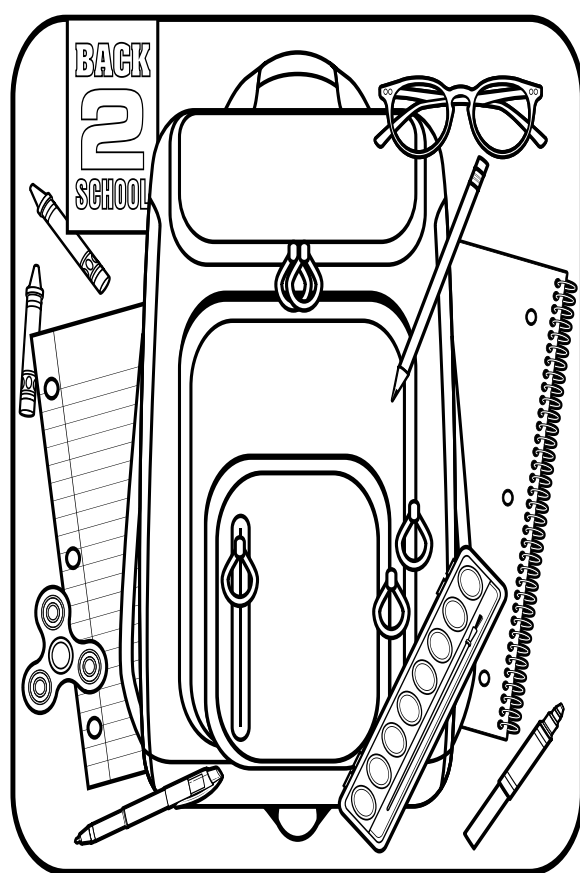


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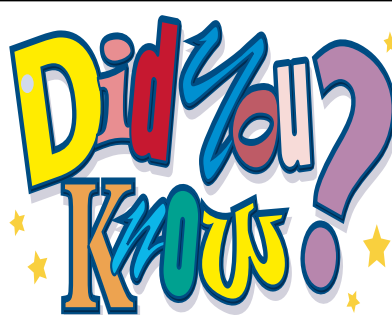
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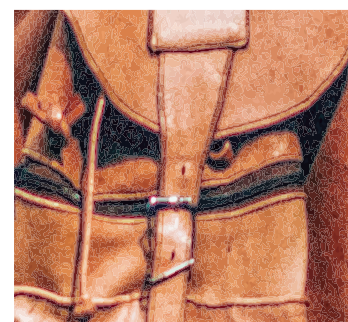
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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: BACKPACK

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS without an obstacle would hardly be worth remembering. At least today's problem will have you laughing a little.



Venus Gets Catty

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Move from where you are, as this is no longer a good place to be. You don't have to go far, and it doesn't matter in which direction, only that you demonstrate movement.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Here you are, unready and in a position to choose. You don't even have enough data to make an educated guess, although, in a strange way, you're at an advantage with this, forced to rely only on your gut.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The early days of every relationship and endeavor lay the groundwork for what happens later, which is why it's so important to reveal some basic truths and establish key expectations on day one.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The best opportunities will come by way of relationships. You'll have two

more opportunities today than you've been afforded so far any day this month. Stay on high alert for them or they'll pass by unnoticed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). All it takes is a few inquiries, and suddenly, you're off in a fascinating direction. Go on and get involved, as new influences will spark favorable changes in your day to day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you give attention, you are giving your life force, which will be spent no matter what, though some ways are more of an investment, and others are just waste.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In the beginning of a relationship, you're mainly trying things. You might not see it that way, because the process of getting to know someone is so intuitive. Just know that if it's not working, you can pivot and try something else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes

you treat everyone the same, and other times it feels right to be more flexible, taking your lead from the needs of those around you. You'll be somewhere in the middle today, consistent but ready to adjust.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's an art to self-discipline. Knowing how far to push yourself is key. If you drive yourself too hard or place too many restrictions on yourself, you'll rebel. To rebel against yourself is far worse than rebelling against others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just as a story without conflict is barely a story, a day

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 6). You'll enjoy the community of like minds and be challenged by those with differing opinions. Diverse influences fortify your worldview and strengthen your understanding of your role. You'll make big plans that also happen to be the right thing for all. Doing what the world needs brings quick success. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 2, 33, 10 and 8.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Venus crosses into Leo with a boost in charisma, ego and confidence. Confidence is sometimes described as a state of trust, especially being sure of one's own thoughts and actions. Plenty of harm in the world has been done by people so sure of their own minds that they didn't check around, consider the greater good or factor in other possible courses of action beyond their own thinking. Ideas, no matter where they come from, aren't fact. Conceptions, even

those generated from a seemingly pure place inside, are just information with a varying degree of reliability.

There is a time to act in confidence, to take all you know and commit ever deeper to the world of it as though it were the only possibility. Picture, if you will, a ballet dancer executing the dance: Leaps and stretches, even stillness, could be ruined with hesitation. Tentativeness could cause injury, not to mention a weak effect on the audience. Arguably, it is the ballet dancer's utter assurance that creates the dance and makes it so compelling.

But before the performance, when the choreography is still being decided, when the potential for art is still an array of choice -- that is when overconfidence could cause limitations and mistakes.

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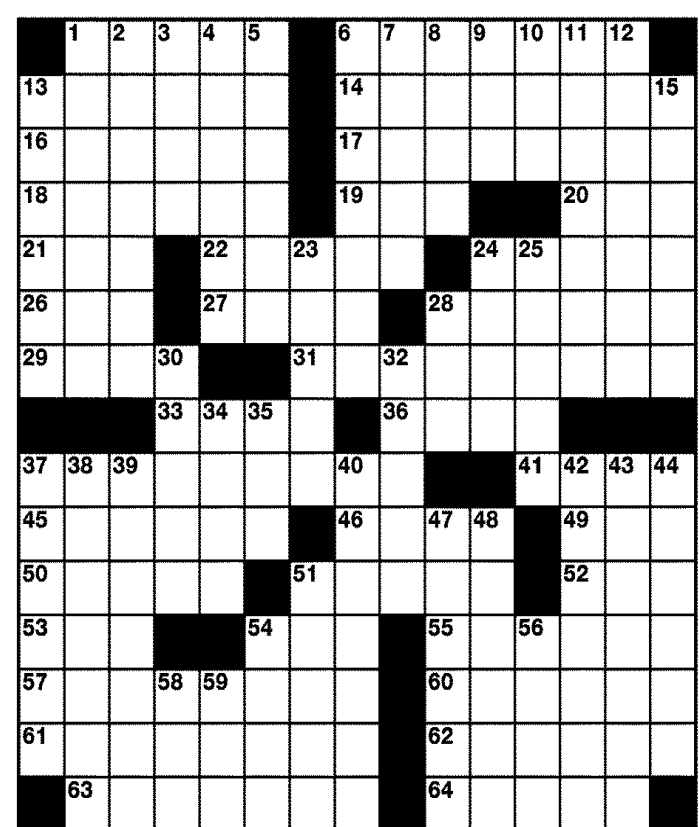
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Newsday Crossword

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

- ACROSS**
1 Intense assault
6 Divine status
13 Quaint pet name
14 Venerable wind instruments
16 Slip stream?
17 Suppress, as creativity
18 Charlemagne-era servant
19 Just done with a dip
20 Grp. that may be voting
21 Introduction starter
22 Unequivocal disclaimer
24 Name that means "victor"
26 Cook since '11
27 Steals or saves
28 Burden for Black Beauty
29 Assumed name's assumed name
31 Interrogative "Lets"
33 Farewell interrupter
36 Just like that
37 It can roll down while rolling
41 Baby who "won the Internet" in 2019
45 Squeamish feeling
46 Howard Hughes endowed its engineering school
49 Party person
50 What chairlifts have succeeded
51 Muddled
52 Article on the Supreme Court
53 Rather dry
54 Just as in the original
55 Quick check
57 "No kidding?"

- DOWN**
1 Tore into
2 Creator of a Swedish hacker heroine
3 They're held for eventual tapping
4 Children of Sky and Earth
5 High-powered fan
6 Started following, as a program
7 It's lighter thanumber
8 Pointy board-game piece
9 Smash, with 10 Down
10 See 9 Down
11 Kept for safekeeping
12 Oscar winner portraying Romeo
13 Contrivance
15 Focus of much oil production
23 Put one's teeth to work
24 Asian democratic republic
25 Get to or put out
28 Internal fat remover
30 Extreme antonym of "friendly"
32 Wide-open spaces
34 Wordless heckling
35 TNT upshot
37 Makes waiters angry
38 Orajel alternative
39 Retort, say
40 Senseless
42 One's take
43 Mock query of concern
44 They've come a long way in anime
47 Performed smoothly
48 Focus of much oil production
51 It's often between 23C and 23D
54 Rock ____
56 The Florence-Pisa line follows its course
58 Sound undecided
59 Put one's teeth to work



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Relaxed weekened mornings are made for waffles

Many people look forward to the weekend, when they can sleep in a little later and not be pressured by the time constraints of a typical weekday. Weekends also may be a time when people can slow down and enjoy a hot, homemade breakfast. Those who want to treat their families or significant others to light crispy waffles — a perfect breakfast meal on relaxed weekend mornings — can enjoy this recipe for "Lazy Weekend Yeasted Waffles" from Laurie McNamara's "Simply Scratch" (Avery)

Lazy Weekend Yeasted Waffles Makes 16 waffles

- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/4-ounce packet active dry yeast
- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled to room temperature
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

In a small bowl, stir together the warm water and sugar until the sugar has dissolved. Stir in the yeast and let it sit and proof for 10 minutes, or until foamy.

In a very large bowl, whisk together the flour and salt. Pour in the

yeast mixture, melted butter, applesauce, and milk. Using a hand mixer, whisk until smooth. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature, where it will rise for 8 hours to overnight. When ready to cook, in a small bowl, beat together the eggs, baking soda, and vanilla with a fork. Pour the egg mixture into the batter and whisk to combine.

Preheat a waffle maker and lightly grease the plates with coconut oil. Working in batches, pour about 1/3 cup of the batter into the waffle maker and cook until golden, 4 to 6 minutes. Serve immediately with butter and maple syrup.

Tip: Extra waffles can be flash frozen. Just place them in a single layer on a baking sheet and freeze for 25 minutes, then package them in freezer-safe containers or wrap tightly in aluminum foil. They'll keep for 2 to 3 months, and they reheat nicely because they can go straight from the freezer to the toaster.

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Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar Announces Revenue for Fiscal 2020, August State Sales Tax Collection

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today released totals for fiscal 2020 state revenues, in addition to announcing monthly state revenues for August.

General Revenue-related revenue for fiscal 2020 totaled \$56.98 billion, down 1.5 percent from fiscal 2019.

- All Funds tax collections were \$57.38 billion, down 3.4 percent from fiscal 2019.
- Sales tax revenue was \$34.10 billion, up 0.2 percent over fiscal 2019.
- Motor vehicle sales and rental tax revenue was \$4.8 billion, down 3.9 percent from fiscal 2019.
- Franchise tax revenue was \$4.42 billion, up 4.8 percent over fiscal 2019.
- Oil production tax revenue was \$3.23 billion, down 16.9 percent from fiscal 2019.
- Natural gas production tax revenue was \$925 million, down 45.1 percent from fiscal 2019.
- All Funds revenue was \$141.58 billion, up 10.7 percent over fiscal 2019, primarily due to substantial increases in federal funding for pandemic-related assistance.

“Yearly revenues were slightly ahead of our projections in the revised Certification Revenue Estimate (CRE) released in July,” Hegar said. “This was, in part, due to surprisingly strong July sales tax collections as Texans’ spending for home improvement projects increased while they spent more time at home both for teleworking and staycations, in lieu of leisure travel.

“Those July gains, however, were largely reversed in August, bringing actual collections close

er to, but still ahead of, our estimate.”

The Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) and State Highway Fund (SHF) both receive funding from oil and natural gas severance taxes.

In November, the Comptroller’s office will deposit \$1.13 billion in each of those funds, down from the \$1.67 billion deposited in each fund in November 2019.

Hegar also said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.82 billion in August, 5.6 percent less than in August 2019.

The majority of August sales tax revenue is based on sales made in July and remitted to the agency in August. Rising COVID-19 infection rates in July likely suppressed economic activity.

“State sales tax collections from all major sectors other than retail trade declined significantly from year ago levels, with the largest declines in the oil and gas-related sectors,” Hegar said.

Collections from retail trade were up, as increased consumer spending on home improvements, home entertainment, distance learning and outdoor recreation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic spurred higher remittances from building materials, home furnishing, electronics and appliance, and sporting goods retailers.

Retail trade tax collections were also boosted by online out-of-state vendors and marketplace providers who did not have tax collection obligations a year ago. Tax remittances from the information sector were depressed, as federal law in July began prohibiting sales taxation of internet service.

“Consumer spending was supported in July by

enhanced federal benefits, which have since been reduced or expired. Consequently, further declines in sales tax revenue may ensue in the coming months.”

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in August 2020 was down 2.7 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. The effects of the economic slowdown and low oil prices also were evident in other sources of revenue in August 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes in August:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$468 million, down 4 percent from August 2019;
- motor fuel taxes — \$287 million, down 12 percent from August 2019;
- oil production tax — \$219 million, down 39 percent from August 2019;
- natural gas production tax — negative \$15 million, down 115 percent from August 2019, due to substantial refund payments during the month;
- hotel occupancy tax — \$31 million, down 49 percent from August 2019; and
- alcoholic beverage taxes — \$69 million, down 39 percent from August 2019.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller’s Monthly State Revenue Watch.

For an extensive history of tax policy developments and fees since 1972, visit our updated Sources of Revenue publication.

Book Review: Quanah Parker’s Hereford Bull

By PHILLIP ATTOCKNIE

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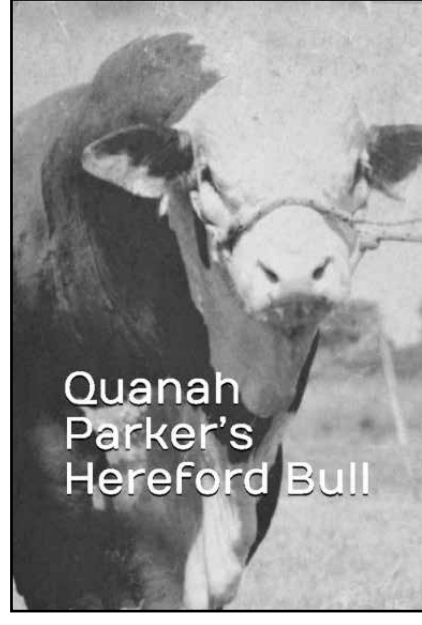
Quanah Parker’s Hereford Bull is a work of fiction in the western, alternative-history and action sub-genres, and was penned by professor and film and television author Alan Nafzger. Written as his first western novel, this adventure sees our titular Hereford bull being stolen from the Comanche Indian Reservation and lead across the border into Texas by corrupt Texas Rangers. In real life history,

Quanah Parker had to just lump it as he couldn’t by law enter Texas. However, the novel takes an unusual premise for a western as friends Charles Goodnight and Randell Mackenzie accompany the

chief in an adventure to retrieve the bull. With the two western legends along for the ride and as security, conflicts soon arise in Texas, and that’s before they discover they’ve been followed off the reservation by a group of Comanche boys looking for one last buffalo hunt. Given the animosity Texans had for Comanches and especially natives off the reservation, the entire adventure puts them all in deep danger.

Author Alan Nafzger is by trade a political scientist and not necessarily concerned with a true and accurate history. Quanah Parker did have a bull stolen into Texas; however, the thieves were never discovered. And Quanah Parker did develop personal and professional friendships with Charles Goodnight and Randell Mackenzie, but it was not at the same time, but it is an alternative history novel. What if?

Nafzger has crafted a thrilling and curious novel that has layers of action, adventure, suspense, and mystery woven in. I loved the fact that the story took us away from typical tales of revenge and bad



guys, but still kept plenty of realistic dangers for the novel’s diverse cast to encounter as the story played out. The self-interest of a cavalry commander, a cattle rancher and an Indian chief all merge and diverge and merge again.

The commitment to character development was really excellent and well researched, making me interested in the historical characters. I like Mackenzie and Goodnight’s defiant attitude and Quanah Parker’s laid back silent type, which only adds to the realism and atmosphere of the piece as a whole. The dialogue was also a standout feature, which rings true to classic westerns and characterizes the

different people that we meet really well. It also moved the conflicts along between different characters, highlighting attitudes of the time. Overall, I would definitely recommend Quanah Parker’s Hereford Bull as a highly original and enjoyable western novel.

Hay-producing areas report below-average season

Texas AgriLife

A bevy of issues amounted to below-average yields for most hay producers in East and Central Texas, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton, said many hay producers missed out on multiple cuttings due to weather conditions or lower yields due to pasture conditions or pest infestations.

“I think we’re a little lower on production than we’re used to,” she said. “A lot of hay producers in East Texas have had production issues this season.”

Late start for hay producers

Corriher-Olson said the hay season started later than usual due to cooler temperatures in May, which delayed Bermuda grass growth almost a month. AgriLife Extension recommends cutting Bermuda grass every 21-28 days, which is typically the peak quality for fertilized fields that receive average rains.

“This year, many producers didn’t get their first cutting until June,” she said. “I think there was an evening in May where the temperatures dipped into the 30s, and Bermuda grass doesn’t produce significant growth until nighttime temperatures are consistently 60 degrees for several days.”

Following the late start, Corriher-Olson said she received a higher-than-usual call volume from producers regarding thinning Bermuda grass stands and dead spots in hay meadows. There were also more calls about crab grass control options from producers.

Then a summer dry spell set in, she said.

“There has been some intermittent, scattered rain, but we’ve definitely had less rainfall than in recent years,” she said. “Most producers got three cuttings, but many who only got two may not get a third if we don’t get good rains from now until November. Even then, pasture production will depend on fertilizer application, and producers are hesitant to invest time and money unless they see a high probability of rain in the forecast.”

Corriher-Olson said expected rains from Hurricane Laura did not materialize for much of the state. She expected, given the extended dry conditions, armyworm infestations could follow those storms. So far, most armyworm activity has been sporadic, and mass pasture casualties have been avoided.

“Rains and cooler temperatures could change things quickly,” she said. “And it could be critical for any last cutting to be aware of conditions that might bring armyworms out.”

Winter hay stocks and forage

Corriher-Olson said she doesn’t have a good estimate for where winter hay stocks sit for most East Texas producers because of COVID-19 restrictions.

“Hopefully, cattle producers who haven’t hit their typical bale counts are looking at planting winter forages this fall,” she said.

Corriher-Olson said there are a few options for pastures if they miss rains and potential yields aren’t enough to warrant baling. Producers can graze it out or leave it standing.

“Leaving it standing is a good thing because you

haven’t depleted the root structure,” she said. “That will help carry the forage going into next season, and it provides some competition against winter weeds. Excess thatch or stubble height can be handled with fire or shredding in January or early February while grasses are still dormant.”

Conditions in Central Texas: In Central Texas, hay production was similarly short for producers without irrigation, said Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension agent, McClellan County.

Conditions were too wet early in the season for producers to clear ryegrass, McLellan said. Quality in those pastures was not great by the time producers made the first cutting.

Wet conditions cost producers one cutting, and a lack of rain will likely mean a poor final cutting, he said.

“Producers got two cuttings, maybe three in some cases,” McLellan said. “Irrigated pastures got four to five quality cuttings, but weather conditions and timing of fertilization and spraying weeds were big factors for success in June and July.”

Conditions south, north and west of McClellan County were even drier, he said.

“Usually north of us picks up more lines of storms and is wetter, but that didn’t happen this year,” McLellan said. “And as you go west it changes quickly. Even western parts of McClellan County received 10-15 inches less than my pastures did. There was a pretty distinct fault line in rain differential.”

McLellan said cattle operations west of McClellan County were buying hay at better-than-expected prices already.

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Lunch Menus

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Monday: Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage, egg, and cheese biscuit or breakfast taquito, 100% fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Meat and cheese chalupas or enchiladas or taco salad, zesty cucumbers, beans, rosy applesauce, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk. Lunch: Chicken tenders with biscuit, gravy or hamburger or tuna salad, broccoli, sweet potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie, dessert.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll with sausage or cheesy toast with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk. Lunch: Chicken spaghetti with breadstick or pizza or crispy chicken salad, garden salad, carrots, fresh apple slices, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Biscuit, gravy, eggs or bulldog breakfast, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk. Lunch:

Fish with mac n cheese or BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, green beans, orange smiles, cookie, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal bars, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Steak fingers or cheese sticks with marinara or turkey and cheese sub, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit and milk.



Wednesday: Breakfast: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Chicken and waffles or cereal mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Pizza or crispy chicken salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Breakfast pizza

or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Popcorn chicken with roll, mini corn dogs (elementary); buffalo popcorn chicken bowl with roll, chicken parmesan (JH/HS) or turkey and cheese sub, tots, baby carrots, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Mini powdered donuts, fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk (elementary); mini powdered donuts with bacon or cereal applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Nachos with ground beef or wild mike's cheese bites or PB&J sandwich, fries, baby carrots, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Senior Center

Monday: Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday: Steak fingers, cream gravy, green beans, buttered corn, pudding, bread, milk.

Wednesday: Beef pot pie, cucumber salad, peaches and strawberries, milk.

Thursday: Cheeseburger, lettuce tomato onion pickle, tator tots, ambrosia salad, milk.

Friday: Hot dog with chili, mustard, baked chips, angel cake, milk.

A popular spice related to ginger could prove helpful in treating several ailments, including eye diseases.

By Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Staff

Many of the medications that improve our daily lives were first found in nature — the discovery of aspirin began with willow tree bark, penicillin was first extracted from a common species of mold, and countless other life-improving compounds have roots in the natural world.

Dr. Erin Scott, an assistant professor at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, has found inspiration in the turmeric plant, a member of the ginger family known for its vivid yellow color that may have powerful anti-inflammatory properties useful in the treatment of uveitis in dogs.

“Uveitis is inflammation inside the eye that can cause discomfort and sensitivity to light,” Scott said. “It occurs commonly in dogs and has many causes. We can see uveitis secondary to infectious diseases, cancer and auto-immune diseases. Uveitis can also occur with longstanding cataracts and after cataract surgery is performed.”

Uveitis is a leading cause of complications after cataract surgery in dogs, Scott said, and the management of post-operative inflammation inside the eye is a major challenge in both veterinary and human ophthalmology.

Symptoms of uveitis include ocular pain and reddening of the eye. An owner might suspect their pet has this condition if they keep their affected eye shut by squinting and avoiding bright lights. A pet's eye may also appear cloudy or exhibit excessive tearing.

“Current treatments for canine uveitis include a combination of systemic and topical anti-inflammatory medications, either in the form of steroids or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs),” Scott said.

While these medications are effective in the treatment of uveitis, they can cause unwanted side effects such as vomiting, diarrhea or stomach ulcers, negatively impact kidney and liver function, and increase glucose levels in diabetic patients.

For these reasons, Scott and her colleagues at the Texas A&M College of Pharmacy have investigated the anti-inflammatory properties of curcumin, a compound found in turmeric, and discovered that when processed to a special nanoparticle formulation that boosts absorption, this natural compound is safe and effective at managing uveitis without any known

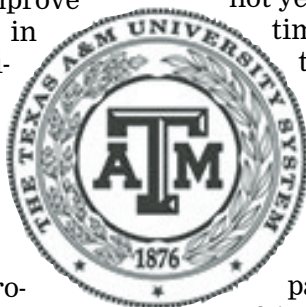
side effects.

Though the nanoparticle formulation of curcumin used by Scott in her research is not yet available to the public, she is optimistic that her findings will lead to advances in the management of uveitis for both humans and dogs.

For now, pet owners who suspect their dog is suffering from uveitis should contact their veterinarian, who will help determine the most current and best path of treatment for their furry friend.

“This formulation is something to look for in the future, as further testing is necessary for us to confirm our findings. At this time, pet owners should follow the recommendations of their veterinary care professional,” Scott said. “We do hope to start a clinical trial with this new medication in the near future.”

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- Mekason Pharmacy on the grand opening and their upcoming service to the community.

- House of Tees, Medrano's, for their push to support local business and the recent t-shirt hand out that they did to promote Howard County Strong.

- Coahoma for taking the win in the recent Howard County Bowl. Also, big thank you to all who contributed to sponsorships and donations which made the numerous scholarships for local students possible this year.

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