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- Dove Hunt Closing Ceremonies*  
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- City Council Meeting*  
5:30 p.m.  
*Council Chambers*
- DAV 100th Anniversary*  
Sept. 25
- Rail Crossing Awareness Day*  
Sept. 25

*Bikes Across Big Spring*  
Sept. 26  
1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

*Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day & City Wide Garage Sale*  
Sept. 26  
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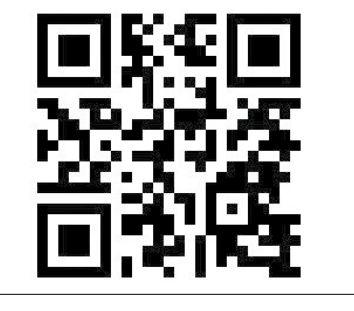
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## Sinclair Oil agreement, possible appointment of Municipal Judge, focus of consideration by Council

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will meet in regular session Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. Council will look at possibly taking action on appointment of Municipal Judge and authorizing the Mayor to take any necessary action.

Those wanting to attend the meeting are welcome to do so, at 307 E. Fourth Street, or through live stream on Channel 17 through Suddenlink or mybispring.com/224/Channel-17-Live.

Interim City Manager Shane Bowles will be delivering the City Manager report to the Council Tuesday evening. In the report, members will hear about the recent Large Item Pick up and the date for the upcoming district. An update will be provided on large holes and backfill. Discussion will take place regarding a new code officer along with an update on seizure of abandoned property. There will also be a Census 2020 update provided to Council.

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## City Council to meet in Work Session at 10 a.m.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring City Council will be meeting in two sessions on Tuesday, Sept. 22. The Council members will meet at 10 a.m. at Council Chambers for an Agenda Work Session.

During the work session, those wishing to attend are welcome. The Council will be discussing several agenda items including amending the Code of Ordinances – 20% collection costs for delinquent taxes, amending personnel policies and procedures, an amendment for Ordinance No. 004-2020 on Sanctuary City for the Unborn, and a budget amendment for additional equipment for new ambulance.

Council members will also be considering the right-of-way

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## Toasty Tuesday cleaning up FM 700 this week



*Courtesy photo*

Last week 10 volunteers showed up for Toasty Tuesday. Keep Big Spring Beautiful focused on the area on FM 700 surrounding the Big Spring Veterinary Diagnostic Clinic. The volunteers picked up 25 bags of trash during the pick up. This week Toasty Tuesday is headed back up FM 700 and focusing on the area around GameStop. Those wanting to volunteer – families, youth groups, businesses, service organizations, etc. – are encouraged to come out and join the efforts at 6:30 p.m. Trash bags are provided for those wanting to help.

## A moment in time Miracle baby lives after abandonment in tree



Pictured above left is the Miracle Baby that was abandoned in the tree that is pictured above. The Heritage Museum shares the story of a miracle that has traveled through Big Spring history.

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**  
 Heritage Museum

On an unusually warm Monday afternoon, March 1942, Mrs. Logan Prichard heard a strange noise coming from the pasture near her home. She and her family were living in the old Birdwell house located at 9th and Goliad where pastureland surrounded the home. Mrs. Prichard thought it was a kitten in trouble and decided to go and check out the situation with her two young sons in tow. They walked down into the Birdwell tank basin and realized the noise was not a kitten at all but a newborn baby which had been placed in a cardboard box and

wedged in a cedar tree.

The baby girl was covered in scratches and still had the umbilical cord attached to her. The infant was just a few hours old. Mrs. Prichard set out to locate a telephone but instead ran into two young boys who quickly took off on foot and ran to the City Hall office to report the abandonment to police. As officer E.B. Bethell arrived on the scene, he discovered the baby girl. Her limbs were beginning to turn blue from exposure. He grabbed the baby and raced up the steep embankment to the Big Spring Hospital.

The baby was examined, fed, cleaned,

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## Howard County Covid-19 update

**City of Big Spring**  
 Special to the Herald

On Sept. 17, 2020, Howard County officials were notified two more residents have succumbed to COVID-19 and passed away. The first patient was a 75-year-old male who was being treated outside of our jurisdiction; the second patient was an 86-year-old male who was also being treated by a doctor at an outside facility. These patients are the 13th and 14th COVID-19 related deaths in Howard County.

County and City officials are saddened by this news and we extend our deepest condolences to their family members. We ask that you keep these families 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.

City of Big Spring and Howard County officials were notified of 58 new positive COVID-19 test results for the week

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## Take Note

• A new group has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the yet to be named organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

The unnamed group is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The next meeting is Sept. 17, 2020, at 7 p.m. at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• 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. This will be in conjunction with 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. For more information, contact Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com.

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning May 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• Isaiah 58 will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. further notice, for the safety of their volunteers and those they serve. Those receiving services are asked to enter the parking lot on 9th Street and exit onto Scurry. Please bring a form of identification with you to pick up food. Masks are required and those receiving food boxes will need to place boxes in their own vehicles until further notice. All these efforts are being put in place to help slow the spread and ensure the safety of those volunteering and those receiving services.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support Group for information, encouragement and support.

The group meets monthly on the Second Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Holiday Inn Express at 5321 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa. If you or someone you know has been touched by MS, or if you are just interested in more information please feel to contact Gary Tidwell at garylteagle1987@gmail.com.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• 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. 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.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057. Toasty Tuesday is also a weekly clean up effort that takes place around town at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The locations is normally announced on the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Page along with in the Monday edition of the Big Spring Herald.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

• 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 Purd 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 begins 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.

### 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.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

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

## WORK

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license or easement with Sinclair Oil and an agreement with Cap-Rock Holdings, LLC. The Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District's proposed budget will also be discussed during the work session.

Discussion will also include authorization for outside legal counsel on two different matters, one of them regarding 1505 E. Second Street.

The agreement with Area Agency on Aging and one with Maxar/Digital Globe will also be discussed.

The announcement of the work session was posted on Friday at 5:15 p.m. along with the City Council agenda.

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# Scenic Mountain Medical Center is open for Elective Procedures and All Other Medical Needs

## Special to the Herald

Yesterday, Governor Abbott announced the easing of statewide restrictions on elective procedures, effective immediately. This is good news for patients who had to postpone certain medical procedures due to these precautions.

From serious conditions to aches and pains, the health care needs of the Big Spring community did not stop. Now is the time for individuals and families to get the medical care— from a routine check-up to a medical procedure -- that may have been postponed during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our clinics are open, elective procedures are ready to be scheduled, and our emergency room continues to be a safe place to treat ALL emergencies. We've

are working quickly to reschedule previously cancelled procedures

To ensure the safety of patients and to provide a safe and clean environment for any visit to our facilities, we are intensely focused on new cleaning protocols and personal protection procedures to keep patients safe. We have also implemented new practices to ensure that any COVID-related care is done in an isolated area away from other patients and their families.

SMMC has taken every precaution and made the necessary preparations to care for patients in a safe, controlled and professional way. Thank you for continuing to trust SMMC for your family's healthcare needs.

For more information on visitor policies or to stay updated with the latest information, visit [www.scenicmountainmedicalcenter.org](http://www.scenicmountainmedicalcenter.org)

## CASES

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of September 14th, 2020. To date, Howard County and Big Spring have had a total of 461 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. This week, the number of active cases increased from 128 to 130; an increase of two cases from last week. The total number of people recovered from COVID-19 also increased this week; we have 302 patients recovered, an increase of 53.

The increase in positive cases is once again at-

tributed to an outbreak of COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution. Of the 130 active cases this week in Howard County, 114 are inmates at FCI Big Spring. Therefore, only sixteen cases are Howard County/Big Spring residents. This is a decrease in the number of community cases for the second week in a row.

On Thursday, September 17th, the governor of Texas announced that all restaurants, retail establishments, gyms and office buildings can start operating at 75% capacity. Additionally, nursing home facilities may, under certain circumstances, allow visitors into their facilities. Unfortunately,

bars are still closed under the governor's current order.

These are positive steps for Big Spring and Howard County; however, County and City officials continue to 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.

## CITY

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As part of the Consent Agenda, Council will hear the final reading of a resolution amending Chapter IX of the Big Spring Personnel Policy entitled "Conduct" Section 3 "Political Activity" to reduce political activity restrictions on non-firefighter city employees to the same level as firefighter, city employees; a resolution amending Section 9 of the purchasing policy entitled "Purchase orders" to limit purchases for Council member use of computer hardware and related goods and services by requiring City Council to approve such purchases in advance, cancelling orders of such goods and services currently in effect; and declaring equipment purchased without such approval surplus property and ordering it to be sold; and a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Executive Committee of Cities served by Atmos west Texas and Atmos Energy Corp. West Texas Division regarding the Company's 2020 Rate review mechanism filing; and an ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the Big Spring City Code Entitled "Licenses, Taxation, and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" article II "Taxation" section 32-34 "Homestead Exemption for aged persons" by amending the permanent homestead exemption for individuals 65 and over and codifying a permanent homestead exemption for persons who are disabled.

Before heading into to new business, Council members will revisit three previously tabled agenda items: Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 32 "Licenses, Taxation, and Miscellaneous Business Regulation" Article II "Taxation" Division 1 "Generally" by adding a new section 32-38 entitled "Additional penalty for collection costs for delinquent taxes" to assess an additional 20% penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent property taxes; authorize interim City Manager to negotiate contracting authority a right of way license or easement within the City of Big Spring to Sinclair Oil or another party; and Consideration of an agreement with Cap-Rock Holdings LLC.

There will also be a presentation on delinquent property tax collection from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott LLP from W. Tracy Crites Jr. and a presentation on right of way license or easement with Sinclair Oil before Council revisits the issues.

Council will hear the first reading of a resolution amending Chapter IX of the Big Spring Personnel Policies and Procedures entitled "Conduct" Section 7 "Relations with Mayor/Council" to limit the definition of the term "Information".

Mayor Thomason will present the first reading of a resolution directing the Mayor to seek outside legal counsel for the purpose of reviewing potential changes to the City Attorney's employment contract.

Council will look at an agreement with Area Agency for the provision of congregate and home-delivered meals and an engineering agreement with Jacob & Martin, LLC for Water Line Replacements under the City's 2020 Texas Com-

munity Development Block Grant Administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Council will retire into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of City Manager and Interim City Manager. They will also discuss Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting to seek advice of its legal counsel about pending or contemplated litigation and on a matter or matters in which the duty of the attorney to the City under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct would not allow the attorney to provide advice to City Council in open session. Once discussion has concluded the Council will reconvene in open session and take any needed action from Executive Session.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Vouchers for 09/10/2020 and 09/17/2020
- Appointment to Boards and Committees: Parks & Recreation Board which has one opening and a new resume from Nolan Dominguez
- Consideration and possible action to delegate authority to City Manager to conclude an agreement with Maxar/Digital Globe for an extended lease of up to 20 years at the Big Spring McMahan Wrinkle Airpark or other city owned property
- Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of regular meeting Sept. 8, 2020 and special meeting Sept. 12, 2020; Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Minutes for meeting of Aug. 18, 2020
- First reading of ordinance amending ordinance Number 029-2020 which adopted the annual budget for the City of Big Spring for the Fiscal Year beginning Oct. 1, 2020 and ending Sept. 20, 2021 by increasing the general fund budget to purchase additional equipment for the speciality built infectious disease ambulance
- First reading of resolution amending Big Spring Personnel Policies and procedures Chaptber VII entitled "Compensation" Section 2 "Administration of Range/Step Salary Schedules" subsection C to remove employee merit raises; amending Chapter XII entitled "Non-disciplinary separation" by repealing Section 4 "Retirement of Employee at Age 70"
- First reading of an ordinance amending ordinance NO. 004-2020 declaring the City of Big Spring a Sanctuary City for the Unborn by amending the Title of the Ordinance to Safe Haven for the Unborn amending Section B "Declaration" subsection 1 to amend the declaration to "Safe Haven for the Unborn" amending the order of section C, subsection 2 for clarity; amending Section C, subsection 2 to provide an affirmative defense for abortions that are medically necessary.

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## HISTORY

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and wrapped in warm blankets. The nurses fell in love with the little foundling as they took over the job of surrogate mother and unofficially gave her the name "Doris Marie." Doctors said the nine-pound dark haired baby was completely healthy but would have died if left unattended for much longer.

Immediately, adoption requests from around the United States, flooded the hospital. A week later, a young lady reluctantly came forward to claim the infant. Sheriff Andrew Merrick arrested her for child abandonment. Ten days after finding the abandoned baby, Howard County District Judge Cecil Collings set a hearing date, however Judge Collings had to postpone the trial before it began. The young mother's attorney claimed she was too ill to attend a hearing. In addition to the mother's request, there were seven anxious petitioners who had filed formal adoption requests for the baby. Reporters and curious site seers crowding into the courthouse. Judge Collings decided to hear the case in a closed hearing to be held late in the evening of March 24, 1942. The Judge ruled that there was no legal cause why the mother should not retain custody of her baby as she had requested.

The 24-year-old mother of two other children said her husband had left her a few months earlier and she had been forced to live with relatives. She said she feared telling the relatives because they were all having hardships and financial problems of their own. She worked at Beatys Steam Laundry that was located at 601 Goliad and not too far from where the baby was left abandoned. No one suspected that the young mother was pregnant. She had managed to hide her pregnancy from everyone she worked with including her relatives. While at work, she started having pains and told the Sheriff that she went to the pasture for a walk where she gave birth to the infant. She said she went back home and grabbed some towels to use on the baby and to retrieve her. However, she says when she returned to the site, she saw police officers and ran away.

It appears her story convinced the judge that she was a suitable parent. The mother subsequently gave the baby girl to a couple from California. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robinson, legally named the baby, Doris Marie Robinson. The mother of the "abandoned infant" divorced her husband and married another man a year later in 1943. She gave birth to a son one month after her wedding and the family moved to the Abilene area and eventually added 6 more children to the family.

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### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Brad Dugan, 62, died Friday. Graveside service will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lucy McElreath, 75, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# Big Spring Invitational XC Meet results from Saturday at Comanche Trail Park

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Invitational cross country meet took place at Comanche Trail Park this past weekend. Runners from nine schools (All Saints Episcopal, Big Spring, Coahoma, Compass Academy, Lamesa Klondike, Midland Greenwood, New Home, Odessa, Odessa Permian) took part in the meet and the runners from Big Spring and Coahoma put together a great showing. The Steers' own Roman Perez was victorious in the boys' 5,000 meter race and led them to a team win on the day.



HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran

Two runners make their way through the cross-country trail at Comanche Trail Park this past Saturday.

### 1A-3A Girls' Varsity 3,200 M

Compass Academy freshman Lindsey Ruiz (12:59.67) finished in first place. From Coahoma, sophomore Serena Dobbs was the only runner to take part and finished in sixth place (14:27.83).

### 4A-6A Boys' Varsity 5,000 M

Big Spring's own Roman Perez came in first place and finished almost 15 seconds quicker than the next runner (17:08.58). Sophomore Isaac Gonzales (sixth, 18:04.19), sophomore Adrian Solis (eighth, 18:17.45), freshman Michael Perez (10th, 19:31.21), senior Brandon Rogers (14th, 20:27.52), freshman Joseph Gonzales (15th, 20:30.07), senior J Jones (16th, 20:37.59), and freshman Evan Medrano (22nd, 22:09.57) rounded out the rest of the finishers for the Steers.

### 4A-6A Girls' Varsity 5,000 M

Odessa Permian junior Raeley Howard finished in first place (21:41.38). For Big Spring, there were a group of girls that all put together their best effort and left it all on the trail on Saturday morning. Big Spring junior Elisabet Jones (second, 22:25.53) and freshman Erin Mendoza (fifth, 23:02.95) both were able to place in the top five. Senior Falicity Calderon (17th, 24:36.06), sophomore Felicity Yanez (20th, 25:45.39), sophomore Esperanza De Los Santos (26th, 26:23.68), freshman Analisa De Los Santos (29th, 26:43.07), freshman Alexa Mehan (32nd, 27:09.36), and freshman Aracelee Alvarado (33rd, 29:01.12) rounded out the race for the Lady Steers.

UP NEXT: Big Spring will race at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock next Saturday.

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### 4A-6A Boys' Junior Varsity 5,000 M

Odessa's Miguel Lujan came in first place (20:25.03) with Big Spring freshman David Villagrana (third, 21:17.67), sophomore Jordan Mitchell (fourth, 21:34.64) and junior Joshua Mireles (sixth, 22:14.11) rounding out the top finishers.

### 4A-6A Girls' Junior Varsity 5,000 M

Odessa's Amada Angela Gonzales finished in first by a landslide (24:43.19). The only Big Spring runners to participate were freshman Alyssa Bernal (29:55.14) and sophomore Sapphire Martinez (32:35.92) who finished in ninth and tenth place, respectively.

### 1A-3A Boys' Varsity 5,000 M

Senior runner Ash Bumstead from All Saints Episcopal (19:03.51) captured the victory after a strong performance on the trail. Coahoma freshman Jake Freeman (12th, 21:10.57), senior Ethan Biddison (18th, 22:19.84), senior D'Kota Harrison (22nd, 22:45.15), senior Nicolas Biddison (27th, 24:20.13), freshman Juan Carlos Garza (28th, 24:23.06), and freshman Keiston Harrison (30th, 26:43.63) all had good performances but still have more room to improve.

# Coahoma wins nail biter over San Angelo Lake View

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Fans were sitting on the edge of their seats Saturday at the CES competition gym to watch the Bulldogettes win a tightly fought match against the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in five sets — 25-17, 25-14, 23-25, 26-28, 16-14.

Entering into the final game, the Maidens were on a roll after coming from behind to win the third and fourth sets, and it looked as if Lake View would pull off a victory by starting off with a four-point run. However, the Bulldogettes rallied.

"We won the first two sets but it seemed like we almost got content in the third set and then the fourth set didn't go our way," said Coahoma Head Volleyball Coach Jamie Bonner. "We didn't go all out for every single point in those sets, so I told them that was something we needed to adjust. You have to be on it mentally and physically especially with a team like this."

With the win, the Bulldogettes finish preseason with a 9-1 record.

"I think it was actually good for us to go five sets



Courtesy Photo/Coahoma ISD

The Bulldogettes celebrate after scoring a point against San Angelo Lake View on Saturday.

to see if we can finish," Bonner said. "We haven't had many long games, we've had a couple that went four. I think it was good for them mentally to see our team has each other's backs, and we can overcome that adversity and win."

MaKynlee Overton led the Bulldogettes to victory

with 14 kills, 11 digs and five blocks. Senior Ashly Romero had nine kills and three blocks. Senior Julia Cox had nine kills and sophomore Zoie Joslin had 26 assists.

Junior Madison Rodgers also had a stand-out game with five kills, four digs, four aces and one block. She was also solid on the serving line during a crucial part of the third and fifth sets.

"She is a really strong server and that is huge for us," Bonner said. "She is a great asset. With the camera on the line, she can serve just as hard as she does when it's just the first point of the set. I am very proud of her on how she performed at the game."

Rodgers said she tries to not let the pressure distract her.

"I just give it to God at that moment," Rodgers said. "I just tell him I can do anything through you and it happens."

Next: Coahoma begins district play on Saturday, Sept. 26 when the Bulldogettes host Reagan County. Game times are: 10 a.m., JV White; 11 a.m., JV Red; noon, varsity.

# Cowboys' rally stuns Falcons 40-39 in McCarthy's home debut

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — One gamble after another failed for coach Mike McCarthy in his home debut with the Dallas Cowboys.

A successful onside kick made them all moot.

Greg Zuerlein kicked a 46-yard field goal as time expired, and the Cowboys overcame four fumbles and a 20-point deficit in the first quarter to beat the Atlanta Falcons 40-39 on Sunday.

The Falcons were still up 15 in the fourth quarter before Dak Prescott became the first quarterback in NFL history to pass for more than 400 yards and rush for three touchdowns in the same game, the third TD getting Dallas (1-1) within two.

Zuerlein did not use a tee for his slow-rolling onside attempt, a rare tactic. But even more curious was Atlanta's players surrounding the ball when they could have recovered it. As soon as it crossed the 10-yard mark, C.J. Goodwin pounced — and later emerged from the big pile with the ball and 1:48 on the clock.

Rookie receiver CeeDee Lamb's 24-yard catch got the Cowboys in field

goal position, and they ran down the clock before "Greg the Leg" touched off a wild celebration for the players and the socially distanced 21,708 fans who booed Dallas off the field with Atlanta up 29-10 at halftime. The crowd was 27% of AT&T Stadium's 80,000-seat capacity.

"I don't know if I've been in many games like this thing," Prescott said. "But to be able to get the win, and in front of those fans that were there, stayed the whole game, they didn't give up on us. That was a huge difference."

Instead of lamenting just his second 0-2 start — his only one was his first season in Green Bay in 2006 — McCarthy celebrated his debut on the Dallas sideline of the venue that hosted his Super Bowl win with the Packers a decade ago.

In his final two appearances in the \$1.2 billion retractable-roof stadium with the Packers, McCarthy watched as Aaron Rodgers beat the Cowboys twice in the final seconds, including a divisional playoff game when Prescott was a rookie.

"I had one on the other sideline, but not like this," McCarthy said. "We dug ourselves such a big hole in the first quarter. We're early in the process of our football team finding out about each other each and every day."

Matt Ryan threw four touchdown passes, two off the three lost fumbles from the Cowboys in the first quarter, which ended with Atlanta in front 20-0.

But the Falcons couldn't avoid their first 0-2 start in six seasons under coach Dan Quinn in a performance reminiscent of their blown 28-3 lead in a Super Bowl loss to New England in Houston to finish the 2016 season.

In the past nine seasons, Atlanta now has two of the three instances in which a team lost after leading by at least 15 points with less than eight minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

"It's tough to put a loss like that in place," Quinn said. "I told the team there has to be a lesson in the pain of that loss. We'll work into that as we put in preparation for next week, but definitely that one stings."

The successful onside kick for Dallas came after two failed fake punts and another gamble that didn't work when McCarthy went for the 2-point conversion before the final touchdown the Cowboys would have needed to get even.

Playing without both of his starting tackles, Prescott was 34 of 47 for 450 yards and a touchdown with one sack. It was his first game with multiple rushing TDs. The two-time Pro Bowler is the franchise leader for rushing scores from a QB.

Prescott's first two TDs got Dallas within five in the third quarter. Ryan responded by converting a third down with a 22-yard pass to Hayden Hurst, who had a 42-yard touchdown on another first-quarter blunder from Dallas, a blown coverage.

After a 19-yard completion to Julio Jones on fourth-and-2, Russell Gage scored on an 8-yard throw for a 36-24 lead. Ryan had 273 yards passing a week after getting 450, second-most of his career.

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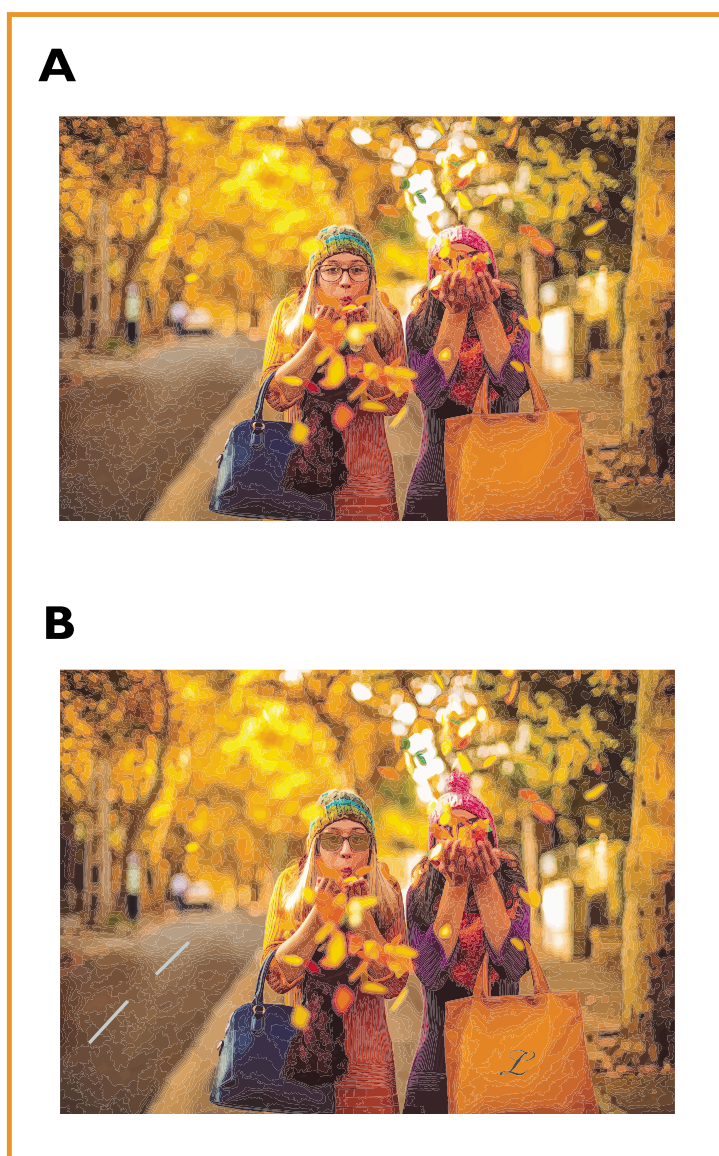
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♣ A 8 5

**EAST**

♠ A K J 10  
♥ 10 7  
♦ —  
♣ Q J 9 6 4 3 2

**SOUTH**

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Dble	

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

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The victors gained heavily in today's deal from the final. At the first table, Tom Carmichael and Joel Wooldridge of the U.S. reached five hearts as shown. Italy's Bernardo

Biondo correctly diagnosed the double by Riccardo Intonti as requesting a lead of dummy's first-bid suit, diamonds. Intonti ruffed the lead, cashed the spade king and returned a club to Biondo to secure another diamond ruff — +300 for Italy.

At the other table, the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	2♦	4♣	4♥
5♣	6♦	Dble	

The opening two-diamond bid by North (Andrea Mallardi) showed one of several types of hands — in this case, a strong one-suiter. When Eric Greco and Chris Willenken of the U.S. then barreled into five clubs before Mallardi could use Blackwood, the Italian gambled that his partner (Mario D'Avossa) had an ace and leaped to six diamonds.

After doubling, Greco led the spade king, on which Willenken played the eight. This supposedly showed an odd number of spades in the partnership's methods. Greco then miscalculated by continuing with the spade ace, and it was all downhill for Mallardi from there.

He ruffed the spade, cashed the diamond ace, overtook the heart jack with the queen, discarded his club on the spade queen and took the marked diamond finesse to bring in the slam. Plus 1,090 added to the 300 gained at the other table gave the Italians a 16-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: The art of good salesmanship.

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ANSWER:

Pre-Equinox Grace

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** In foreign environments, exercise the highest judgment. It will be better to err on the side of caution and restraint, especially when it comes to showing respect.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Perhaps you can't help those impulsive or habitual moves, but the ones you have to think about -- think about them a little longer. Watch; study; and contemplate. There is no need for impulsive action.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll think about things deeply, broadly, wildly. But are you overthinking it? You'll know by how you feel. If things just keep getting more interesting to you, ride the bright streak. If thoughts make you anxious, jump off.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** So much has changed, and you can't always choose whom to do things with. Being with your preferred company is a luxury. Today, you'll be just as comfortable alone as you are with others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Do not hesitate to follow your intuitive leaning, as it's helping you be first to the party, an early adopter of technology and ideas, or just generally head of the line.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You, like all the other humans, have a limited amount of emotional energy to

expend, and you want to place it purposefully where it will mean something. It's a waste to get angry with television, traffic or other daily minutia.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Maybe you don't want to create an uncomfortable situation, but if you were to do that anyway, you could handle it. And then, at least everyone's feelings would be out in the open.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You're so good at appreciating and accepting people from different walks of life. One reason you find it easier than most is that you're sincerely curious, and your desire to learn opens your heart.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your work is not you. It's something you do. Even your body is not you. It's something you live inside. You grow in power as you identify less with these things and more with who you really are inside.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll get good information, the type that compels you to keep an open mind because you sense that even though you don't

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



prefer what you hear, understanding it will

lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 31, 37 and 17.

**COSMIC QUESTION:** "I'm a Virgo manager overseeing a team of 12 and deal most closely with two employees, a Sagittarius and an Aquarius. Whenever the Sagittarius does something wrong, I make an effort to correct and retrain. Whenever the Aquarius does something wrong I am frustrated, wonder if he'll ever get this job right and suspect that he might have done this on purpose. I'm trying to be a good manager, and I know this is hardly fair, so why is it so difficult to treat everyone the same?"

Your desire to be fair is commendable and in keeping with your Virgo drive to nurture others and continually grow toward your own ideals. With these two employees, you would do well to accept your bias and recognize that you are participating in human instinct. When someone we like makes a mistake, it is normal for our minds to leap to a justification on their behalf. When someone we dislike makes a mistake, it is normal to leap to blame.

Once you accept that your behavior is normal, the next step is to decide that you would like to be better than normal. You've already done this by examining your own actions. More on this tomorrow ...

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Annie's Mailbox

Fighting for Parental Rights

**Dear Readers:**  
A great many of you wrote in with wonderful suggestions for the father and stressed-out grandma who are having trouble with his ex-wife because she is making visitation with the kids difficult if not impossible. Thank you for your recommendations. I hope they allow the children's father to have more quality time with his children. Below are some of the letters.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing in response to "Stressed-out Grandma." I was in a similar situation with my ex-husband, except he was the one controlling the visitation. He always had someplace to take the kids, or they were with friends when it was my weekend.

Grandma's son definitely needs a different attorney, one who can step up to the plate. Her son should also

be documenting everything. In my case, the judge ordered that we all go separately to the Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau.

My children at that time were 6 and 9, and they are now 37 and 40. People always comment that my children turned out so great and successful in spite of their dad's manipulative behavior.

Grandma, legally you have grandparents' rights, too. You have a long road ahead of you, but believe me, in the end, what goes around comes around. I know. -- Don't Give Up

**Dear Annie:**  
"Stressed-out Grandma" could have been written by me. Please encourage your son to get a new lawyer, one who specializes in family law. Many areas have parental alienation laws. He has the recordings and should keep all emails and texts.

The next time he is refused visitation, he can call the police. His ex-wife is in contempt of court, and this can be considered kidnapping. Unfortunately, my son had to resort to this.

He has to stand up to the bullying of his ex-wife and mother-in-law. This situation is harmful to the children. They are being denied their rights to have their father in their lives. -- Been There

**Dear Annie:** If their son does nothing, it will only get worse. His lawyer needs to let the judge know that the visitation schedule is not being followed. It may also be possible to get a court-appointed advocate for the children, and the state might have grandparents' rights. The grandparents can get an attorney and be granted visitation rights.

These children need

a relationship with their father, and he wants it. Under no circumstances should this father simply wait until his children turn 18. -- Rely on the Law

**Dear Annie:** Your advice to the grandma was spot on. But assuming that there is more to the story, a good mediator might help these two (without the ex's mom) quell the flames better than another lawyer. As a mediator turned settlement judge mediator for 25 years, I saw thousands of these disputes resolved through talking rather than litigating. And compliance was far higher than court-imposed "solutions." In addition, a mediator can include as many other "interested persons" as are necessary to reduce the conflict. -- Retired Judge

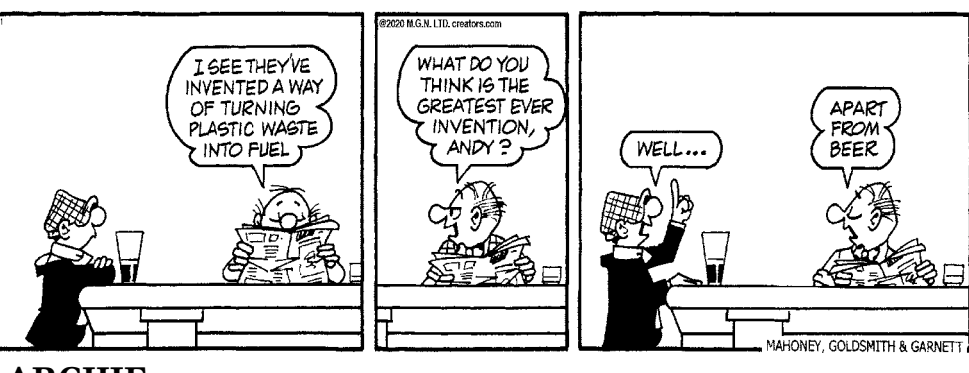
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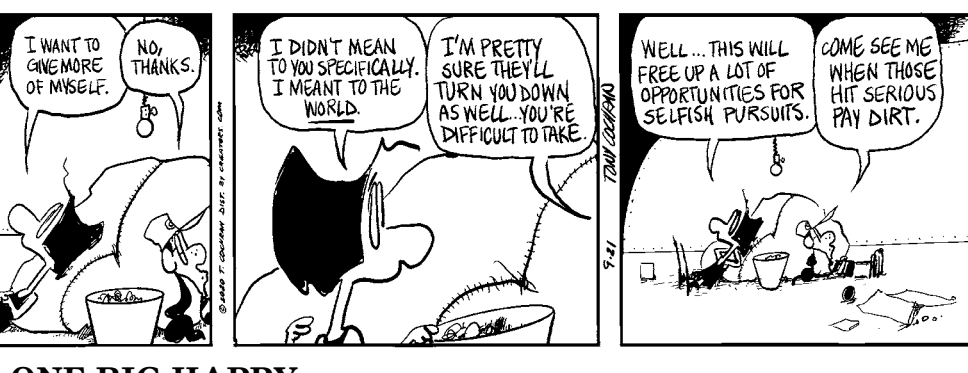
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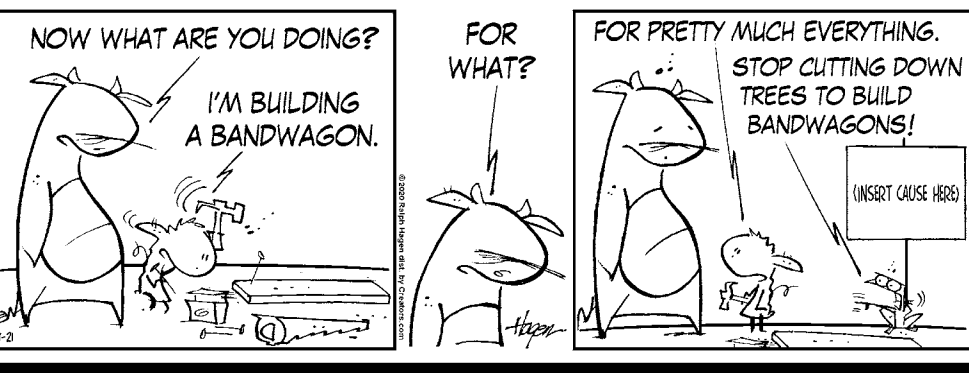
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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Monday, Sept. 21, the 265th day of 2020. There are 101 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 21, 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

discrimination, violence or intimidation against gays and lesbians. (Although never formally repealed, DoMA was effectively overturned by U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 2013 and 2015.) In 2001, Congress again opened the federal coffers to those harmed by terrorism, providing \$15 billion to the airline industry, which was suffering mounting economic losses since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Area 51 military base; it had been prompted by an appeal from an internet hoaxster for people to "storm" the base to see space aliens. Today's Birthdays: Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 79. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 77. Former Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear is 76. Musician Don Felder is 73. Author Stephen King is 73. Basketball Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore is

71. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 70. Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is 63. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 63. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 61. Actor David James Elliott is 60. Actor Serena Scott-Thomson is 59. Actor Nancy Travis is 59. Actor Rob Morrow is 58. Actor Angus Macfadyen is 57. Retired MLB All-Star Cecil Fielder is 57. Actor Cheryl

Hines is 55. Country singer Faith Hill is 53. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 53. Country singer Ronna Reeves is 52. Actor-talk show host Ricki Lake is 52. Rapper Dave (De La Soul) is 52. Actor Billy Porter is 51. Actor Rob Benedict is 50. Actor James Lesure is 49. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro (rih-BEHR'-oh) is 49. Actor Luke Wilson is 49. Actor Paulo Costanzo is 42.

Actor Bradford Anderson is 41. Actor Autumn Reeser is 40. TV personality Nicole Richie is 39. Actor Maggie Grace is 37. Actor Joseph Mazzello is 37. Actor Ahna O'Reilly is 36. Rapper Wale (WAH'-lay) is 36. R&B singer Jason Derulo is 34. Actor Ryan Guzman is 33. Actors Lorenzo and Nikola Brino are 22.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Floor-washing implements 5 Floor-model car 9 Cruise vessel 13 Wall-climbing vines 15 "Once \_\_\_ a time . . ." 16 Get weary 17 Electric car brand 18 Highest single-digit number 19 Wicked 20 Car-directing whistler 22 Take a break 23 Garden of Eden lady 24 Cube of frozen water 26 People doing evaluating 30 Opening for a rock climber's foot 34 Molecule part 35 Tomatoey pasta topping 36 Web address: Abbr. 38 Gridiron penalty-calling whistler 42 Explosive initials 43 Woodwind instruments 44 Pekoe and Earl Grey 45 Accompanies, as to a prom 47 Deep gorges 49 "Single" prefix for cycle 50 Chimp or gorilla 51 Bosc or Bartlett 54 Canine-teaching whistler 61 Massages 62 Newspaper coating 63 Highest grade of steak

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Answer to previous puzzle: ASH TALUS SPEX, OCTOPUSINK WORM, WHATANIDEA OKIE, NETTLED BAILEEN, ALIENRALES, AISKIN AINT FAB, OSHEA SENDS URL, MAO TINTAKSO NET, ING TOTAS NCAAS, TAU OBOE KEATS, NONONSENSE, KRAUSS LEASING, HUTS INDIEGAMES, ABET GENTLERAIN, NESS NODES SML