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**Halloween Safe Stops**  
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**H-E-B Halloween Safe Stop**  
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 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Election Day**  
 Nov. 3  
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**Goliad students created some of their favorite characters in pumpkin-form. This student chose to create Scooby Doo.**

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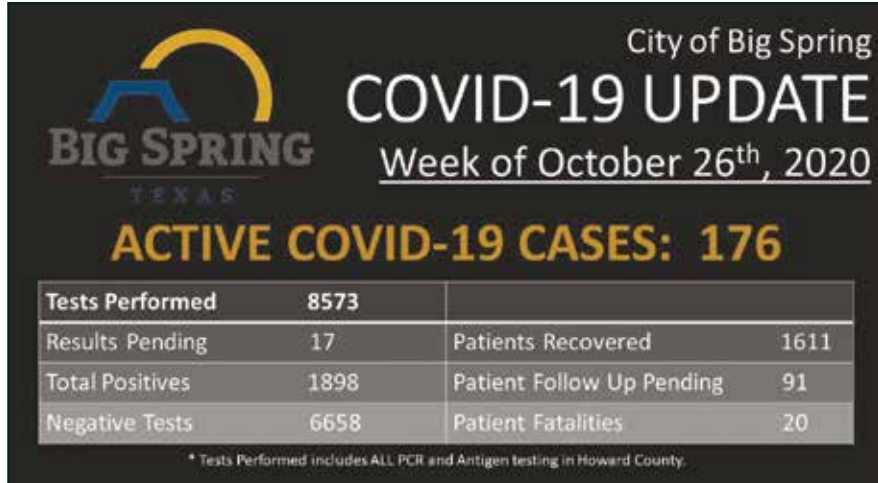
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## Howard County weekly Covid update 176 active cases reported; 1 Covid related fatality

*Editor's Note: The City of Big Spring and Howard County issued the Covid-19 update for the week of Oct. 26, 2020 on Friday afternoon. The press release reads as follows.*



**Special to the Herald**

To date, Howard County and Big Spring have had a total of 1,898 positive cases of COVID-19. We currently have 176 active cases and have 1,611 citizens that have recovered from COVID-19. There are 91 positive cases pending follow up investigation by DSHS. Unfortunately, we had one COVID-19 related fatality this week, a 60-year-old male. This is the 20th COVID-19 related death in our community. County and City officials extend our deepest condolences to his family members. We ask

that you keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Big Spring and Howard County's COVID-19 statistics continue to improve; however, County and City officials still urge community members to take every precaution to protect yourself and your family members, especially when celebrating Halloween this weekend. 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.

## Peace Poster Contest winners selected by Big Spring Centennial Lions Club

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Encouraging creativity and inspiring peace across the nation is what the Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club is reaching for with this year's Peace Poster Contest. After receiving more than 200 entries, the Lion's Club has selected the winners, with one advancing to the next level of the competition. "For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity," David Stives, Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club President, said. This year's theme was Journey of Peace. Students from Howard County received an invitation to submit their entries to the local Lion's Club for possible advancement to the District competition. The Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has hosted the contest in Big Spring since 2017. According to Stives, the club is looking at continuing the competition next year and adding in a new contest focused on diabetes. "The Peace Poster Contest is important in teaching our

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## Set clocks back this weekend: Daylight Savings Time comes to an end



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Don't forget to set your clocks back. Clocks will be falling back an hour this Sunday at 2 a.m. as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. Daylight Savings Time began March 8. Your cellphone and (probably) your computer will automatically adjust the time; but devices such as wall clocks, alarm clocks, clocks on microwave ovens and kitchen ranges, and analog wristwatches will need to be manually set one hour earlier than they read before the time change. See **TIME**, Page 3A

## Operation Love Letter set to launch in November; uniting a community one letter at a time

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

A simple letter to know they are not forgotten; a couple of lines to let someone know they are not alone; two simple concepts that make up the mission behind Operation Love Letter. One local Big Spring resident and small business owner, Jay Flores had an idea and is asking the community to step in and drive the support of the vision. "I was talking to one of my friends who lives in Knott. He's an older gentleman, and he has a daughter living in Canterbury. After visiting with him and hearing his stories and some stories from others of how their loved ones in the nursing facilities have been cut off from the outside world, I wanted to do something," Flores, Operation Love Letter founder, said. In the next week or so, around Nov. 2, drop off buckets will be placed around Big Spring. Currently there are local elementary schools, churches and other businesses decorating the buckets to be placed. While the project is

barely launching, the support Flores has received from the community is overwhelming. "This was merely an idea I had and it is taking off quickly," he said. "I have had businesses like Ace Hardware, Higginbothams, Sherwin Williams were gracious to donate the 5-gallon buckets that we will be placing around town; local schools are helping to decorate and even more businesses have said I can place a bucket at their office." There will be more than 18 drop off locations throughout Big Spring and Howard County including: The Big Spring Police Department/Howard County Sheriff's Office, Pampered Paws, Howard College, Spring Creek Mall, Dance Lab, SuperRod, Wild Space Tattoo, Partee Enterprise, Rachel Grill Realtor, Wells Fargo, State National Bank, Los Amigos Bar and Grill, Gold Rush, Sleep Inn and Mainstay Hotel, and the businesses who donated buckets to the project. "This project will only succeed if we unify; together we can make a difference in these people's lives. One scrip-

ture that struck a cord for this project is Matthew 25:40 - "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me,'" Flores said. "This is one of the ways we can unify together as a community and honestly, what better time than now to do that." The letters that are dropped off in the buckets around town will be distributed to the nursing facilities and veteran's homes in the community. When addressing the letters, Flores recommends that they are penned "Dear Friend". At this point, the goal is to distribute letters every two weeks to the facilities. Super Rod is working on creating banners that will be provided to each of the facilities who are taking part in Operation Love Letter. To find out more or to reach out to Flores and offer more support, visit the Operation Love Letters Facebook page. *Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.*

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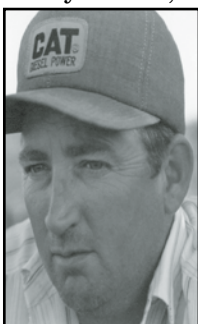
# Obituaries

## Lloyd Hale

Lloyd Hale, 80, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 1:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park (Peace Chapel).

Lloyd was born March 21, 1940 in Carrizo Springs, Texas to Josie and Percy Hale.

Lloyd is survived by his wife:



Olas Mae Hale of Big Spring; one daughter: Carolyn Vaquez of Tyler, one son: Walter Hale of Commerce; two sisters: Josie Painter of Big Spring and Janie Miller of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Donnie Hale and Robert Hale; and one sister: June Hale.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Rafaela "Mona" Solis

Rafaela "Mona" Solis, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Sunday with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Rafaela was born October 24, 1960 in Matamoros, Mexico.

Rafaela is survived by her husband: Pedro Acosta; four children: Pete Acosta, Gracie Acosta, Sophia Garza and Jacob Acosta, all of Big Spring; mother: Maria Solis of Big Spring; brothers: Martin Solis of San Antonio, Abel Solis, Arnold Solis, Vincente Solis, Jr and Stan Solis, all of Big Spring; sister: Martina Kennedy of Kerrville; and five grandchildren.

Rafaela was preceded in death by her father: Vicente Solis.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)



## Billy Ray White

Billy Ray White, 88, of Big Spring went to be with the Lord Friday, Oct. 30, 2020. Viewing will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020 and on Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park

Billy Ray was born Dec. 31, 1931, in Hico, Texas to Freddie and Ola White. He married the love of his life Joyce Burchett, 63 years ago in Odessa. He was the owner and operator of White's Dairy and B&R Septic for many years. He loved antiquing and going to all the garage sales in town. He ran his treasure shop and enjoyed finding new pieces wherever he could. Bil-



ly Ray loved to laugh and spend time with his family. He also faithfully had coffee with his life long friend Boosie Weaver daily. Billy Ray also loved horse racing.

He is survived by his wife Joyce White of 63 years of Big Spring, one son, Leslie Ray White of Big Spring, a sister, Emma Bogard of Big Spring, and one brother, Freddie Cad White and wife Sherry of Athens, Georgia, two treasured grandsons, Kip and Jake White of Austin, Texas.

In addition to his parents, Billy Ray was preceded in death by his two sons, Billy Bob and Kip Brandon White and a sister, Bobbie Jean Leonard of Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Leonard, Clayton Leonard, Carl Reid, Jeb Worthy, Cash Corbell and Rocky McCullough.

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

# Take Note

- Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based training course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. There are adult, and youth, courses available in both in-person and virtual formats. The West Texas Centers MHMR here in Big Spring offers MHFA to independent school district (ISD) employees, community members, veterans, servicemembers and their families and higher education institution employees. Please use the contact information below for further information.
  - Oct. 29 - Youth Mental Health First Aid (virtual);
  - Nov. 9 - Adult Mental Health First Aid (virtual);
  - Nov. 16 - Adult Mental Health First Aid (virtual);
  - Nov. 17 - Adult Mental Health First Aid (virtual);
  - Nov. 19 - Youth Mental Health First Aid (in-person class)
- Big Spring Theatre presents Haphazardly Ever After by Jeff Fluharty on Nov. 6 and Nov. 7. The performances will take place at 6:30 p.m. both nights in the Big Spring High School Auditorium. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the High School in Room 121 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Face masks are required. Children 5 and under are free.
- A drive-thru flu shot clinic will be hosted by Shannon Clinic in Big Spring on Friday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call 432-606-5178.
- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.
- 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.
- St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.
- 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 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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](mailto: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.
- 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 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](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **THEFT was reported** in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the area of SSR.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of McEwen Street.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

# Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- **FLORENTINO S. BARRAZA**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft property (\$2,500 to \$30K).
- **BENJAMIN KIRCHMYER**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAMES ERIC TREVINO**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of aggravated robbery violation of probation.
- **JOSHUA VALENZUELA**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying weapon.

# Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. (x2)
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Hilltop Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Richabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Anderson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700. No transport was required.

# 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.

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# Trump pitches 'back to normal' as Biden warns of tough days

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — President Donald Trump dangled a promise to get a weary, fearful nation "back to normal" on Friday as he looked to campaign past the political damage of the devastating pandemic. It was a tantalizingly rosy pitch in sharp contrast to Democratic rival Joe Biden, who pledged to level with America about tough days still ahead after Tuesday's election.

In a campaign that has been dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic that has killed more than 227,000 Americans and staggered the economy, the candidates' clashing overtures stood as a reflection of their leadership styles and policy prescriptions for a suffering U.S.A.

Trump and Biden both spent Friday crisscrossing the Midwest, the hardest-hit part of the nation in the latest surge of virus cases. Trump was in Michigan and Biden in Iowa before they both held events in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

With four days until the election and more than 83 million votes already cast, time is running out for Trump and Biden to change the contours of a race framed largely around the incumbent's handling of the pandemic. Biden is leading most national polls and has a narrow advantage in many of the critical battlegrounds that could decide the race.

Trump, billing himself as an optimist, says the nation has "turned the corner" from the outbreak that still kills about 1,000 Americans each day. He speaks hopefully of coming treatments and potential vaccines that have yet to receive approval. Biden dismisses Trump's talk as a siren song that can only prolong the virus, and pledges a nationwide focus on reinstating measures meant to slow the spread of the disease.

"He said a long dark winter," Trump scoffed Friday at a rally in Michigan. "Oh that's great, that's wonderful. Just what our country needs is a long dark winter and a leader who talks about it."

Trump's rallies, which draw thousands of supporters, have served as representations of the sort of "reopening" he has been preaching. With spotty use of masks and a lack of social distancing, they flout state and local guidelines that he deems too onerous as he speaks as though the virus has largely disappeared. Trump and his aides speak openly about catering to the support of those "fed up" by state restrictions, and he has encouraged chants among his supporters calling for the imprisonment of local officials who have instituted them.

Biden, for his part, referenced Trump's comments last summer that the virus "is what it is." He told supporters in Des Moines, Iowa, that "it is what it is because he is who he is! These guys are something else, man."

Trump's closing appeal to "Make America Great Again, Again" paints a halcyon image of the nation's condition during pre-coronavirus times that

contrasts with Biden's charge to "Build Back Better." The president's focus on returning the nation's economy to the boom times of 2019 resonates with some voters, but overlooks the divided and rancorous politics that swirled around impeachment and the persistent problems of inequality.

Friday marked the beginning of the critical final stretch before the election. Trump's closing sprint includes four stops in Pennsylvania on Saturday and nearly a dozen events in the final 48 hours across states he carried in 2016.

Biden, after visiting Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota on Friday, will hit Michigan on Saturday, where he'll hold a joint rally with former President Barack Obama.

Biden will close out his campaign Monday in a familiar battleground: Pennsylvania, the state where he was born and the one he's visited more than any other in his campaign. The Biden team announced the candidate, his wife Jill, running mate Sen. Kamala Harris and her husband, Doug Emhoff, plan to "fan out across all four corners of the state."

After stopping in Green Bay on Friday, Trump will be back in Wisconsin Monday for a visit to Kenosha. He appears to lag in recent polling behind his 2016 numbers in the GOP-leaning suburbs around Milwaukee, a key area for successful Republican campaigns in the state.

A new Marquette University Law School poll shows Trump with support from 52 percent of likely voters in the eight counties that form the half-ring around Milwaukee. In 2016, he received a combined 61 percent of the vote in the eight counties when he won the state by fewer than 25,000 votes.

Attendance at the president's later stop in Rochester, Minnesota, has been capped at 250 people at the insistence of state and local officials.

"We have 25,000 people in Minnesota, which is our last stop today — 25,000 people want to be there. And they say you can only have 250 people," Trump told reporters on the South Lawn of the White House. "They thought I'd cancel. But I'm not canceling and we'll find out what happens."

The Minnesota Department of Health has linked 28 coronavirus cases to other recent Trump campaign events in the state.

Biden aims to hold his election night event in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware. Trump, who had been scheduled to hold a party at his Washington, D.C., hotel, appeared to be rethinking his plans as a result of the city's COVID-19 restrictions.

"So we have a hotel, I don't know if you're allowed to use it or not, but I know the mayor has shut down Washington D.C.," Trump said as he headed out from the White House. "And if that's the case, we'll probably stay here or pick another location."

# Houston looks to boost turnout by offering 24-hour voting

HOUSTON (AP) — As rapper Bun B finished his late-night set during a drive-in concert to promote eight 24-hour polling places in and around Houston, he urged fans to go out into the night — and early morning — to vote.

"It feels good to see my people out there that are ready to vote, ready to be heard ... If you haven't voted yet, you need to drive on over. The polls are open right now," the Houston-based performer said during the livestreamed concert Thursday.

Many followed the rapper's advice as they flocked to the polling sites in Harris County — Texas' most populous county — to cast their ballots starting late Thursday and into Friday, the last day of early voting in the state.

"It's very convenient, especially for those people that work at night and sleep during the day," Silveria Sanchez, 36, an emergency medical technician dispatcher, said after voting around 12:30 a.m. Friday during a break from her overnight shift at the Texas Medical Center. She walked five minutes to cast her ballot at a polling station at a food court in the sprawling Houston hospital complex.

Harris County officials have launched some innovative efforts to make it easier to vote in the presidential election. As well as the 24-hour polling sites, the county offers drive-thru voting, and has encouraged its voters to cast their ballots early. It has also challenged the state over limits on mail-in voting and drop-off boxes for absentee ballots. By Thursday evening, Harris County had surpassed its entire 2016 voter turnout of 1.3 million and, as of Friday morning, Texas voters had cast more than

the state's total 8,969,226 votes of 2016.

"Hopefully in the future, dozens of counties follow our lead and offer a night of 24-hour voting to support their voters," said Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins.

Voting sites that stay open 24 hours are rare, according to Michael Pomante, an assistant professor of political science at Jacksonville University in Florida. In March, Los Angeles County offered six 24-hour voting locations during the presidential primary.

"Harris County seems to be doing what they can at the county level to improve access to the polls," Pomante said.

Some who attended Bun B's concert Thursday night then drove to a nearby polling site at NRG Arena, which saw a steady stream of late night and early morning voters. Some danced as a DJ kept the party going in a parking lot.

By around 11 p.m. Thursday, Claudia Macias, 46, an educator from Houston, had cast her ballot and was standing outside the arena in the cold night air. She recalled how a woman who voted before her was escorting her much older mother who had "dressed to the nines" to go out and vote.

The woman apologized to Macias because her mother was slow.

"I go: 'We have 24 hours. You don't worry about the time. You let her take her time to go in there and cast her vote,'" Macias said.

About 3 miles (5 kilometers) away at the Texas Medical Center, Ashley Lee, 32, Christian Mata, 24, and Tiffany Wiltz voted at around 1 a.m. They

are all pharmacy technicians at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center and usually work until 11 p.m.

Lee said having the 24-hour voting site at the medical center made sense as many health care workers have shifts that can make it difficult to vote.

"We work long hours. This is perfect," said Wiltz.

At Victory Worship Center, a church in north Houston, a steady stream of voters came in late Thursday night and early Friday. By around 2 a.m., the pace had slowed.

"I was surprised how many people came in. We've had a good flow," said Herman Williams, the precinct judge at the polling station.

At a multiservice center in Kashmere Gardens, one of Houston's historically African American neighborhoods, Felix Sylvester, 65, was the only person casting a ballot at around 3 a.m. Friday.

He voted after finishing his shift at a grain silo in suburban Houston at around 2 a.m. Sylvester said he hopes the county has 24-hour voting locations in future elections.

"It would accommodate those of us who want to avoid those lines and it would also accommodate those of us who have these kind of weird hours," he said.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, the county's top elected official, said she hopes 24-hour voting locations will become permanent.

"Folks want to participate. They just have to be invited. This effort is part of that. It's part of really opening the doors of government," Hidalgo said.

## TIME

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Daylight Savings Time was first proposed in 1895 by New Zealand entomologist and astronomer George Hudson as a means of extending daylight hours later into the evening during the summer. The practice was first implemented nationwide during World War I by the German Empire and the Austria-Hungarian Empire.

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## POSTER

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youth the importance of peace around the world," he said. "The contest offers an example of how sharing ideas amongst each other can work."

In addition to the Peace Poster Contest, the Lion's Club is hosting the annual Beef Box fundraiser.

"All of our funds raised stay right here in the community," Stives said.

The winner of the Beef Box will be announced at a November meeting.

For those wanting to find out more about the Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club or become a member, the meetings are open and take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. More information can be obtained by visiting the Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club Facebook Page.

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## Losses mount for oil companies as pandemic grips economy

NEW YORK (AP) — Exxon Mobil reported its third consecutive quarter of losses as the global pandemic curtailed travel and crippled global economic activity.

The energy giant on Friday posted a \$680 million third-quarter loss and revenue tumbled to \$46.2 billion, down from \$65.05 billion during the same quarter last year.

The string of losses and what by almost all counts will be a money-losing year is new territory for Exxon Mobil, which has not posted an annual loss since Exxon and Mobil merged in 1999.

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Gerald Ferguson, 64, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Sunday with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Billy Turner, 61, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frank Galan, Sr. 63, died Monday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 7:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Janet DeLeon, 51, died Monday. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ronald Schafer, 59, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rafaela "Mona" Solis, 60 died

Donald Hodnett, 70, died August 30, 2020. Graveside memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Carroll Eugene Husted, 80, died Friday October 23, 2020. A virtual memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, October 31, 2020 at First Baptist Church Big Spring through Facebook Live Stream.

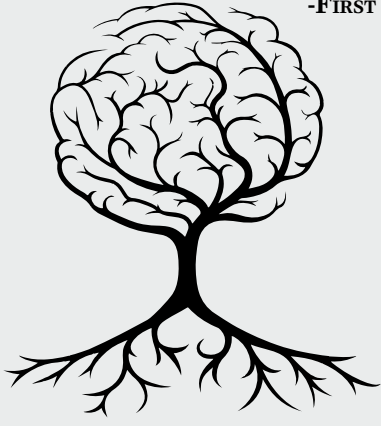
Lloyd Hale, 80, died Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 1:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park (Peace Chapel).



# Opinion

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

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# Running ultra marathons

Miles Benevich of San Antonio tries to run an ultra marathon once a month. Recently he ran a 100-kilometer race (62 miles) in the Colorado Rockies.

"That was by far my slowest run. They gave us 24 hours to complete it and I finished a little over 20 hours. I started at 3:15 in the morning and finished at midnight, so there was a lot of running in the dark with just my headlight to show the way. It was exhausting because of the elevation and I thought I might come in last, but there were other runners behind me."

He saw some wildlife.

"I took some pictures. I have a page on Facebook called Doing the Miles. I put some photos on it of the moose that I saw in the moun-

tains."

Once he circled San Antonio on foot.

"I ran 100 miles around Loop 1604. That was my largest run so far. It took me a good 25 hours to complete that run."

His goal is to run 3,000 miles this year. He started running just 3 years ago.

"I smoked cigarettes all my life and spent a lot of time not doing anything. This really is a new adventure for me. I just decided to get my life and health together. Not that I had low self-esteem or anything, but I just got tired of seeing that person in the mirror and decided to make some changes. They really have seemed to take me to another place and I just enjoy doing it. I have had so many benefits from it and have met some really fantastic people along the way."

Miles makes his living as a funeral director and when he doesn't have business or family obligations, he takes a run. An



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

app on his phone records his running.

"It records all my runs and breaks down all the activities and shows the routes that I run every day. It's just a simple app available to runners."

Sometimes he runs obstacle courses.

"Every so often, maybe a half mile or mile, there's an obstacle. It might be monkey bars or swinging on a rope or doing some sort of climb, maybe swimming through some freezing cold water, just some little obstacles to break up the run."

Some obstacle courses feature electrical shocks.

"They look like you're running through a long hallway or a tunnel, but hanging down from the ceiling are electrical wires. I'm not sure how much voltage they carry but the first one I ran across threw me to the ground."

Miles says anyone can start a running program.

It just takes determination and confidence. He has lost 20 pounds since he started running.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A little history

Dear Editor

When I read about things of the past it makes me remember. I grew up west of town in the Wright 2nd Addition. We didn't have many neighbors, but a large family named Sullivan lived across the street. The word "Red Dam" was kinda a hallowed name. I never knew what purpose the dam served. It may have been to keep the water that ran off scenic Mt. From running into the Anderson and Bostick houses. One Easter Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan took a load of children to "red Dam" for an Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Sullivan had a horse and it was hooked up to an old flat bed trailer. Every kid in the neighborhood who wanted to road on the flat bed trailer. Some walked along side. We rode across Harding Street and the Anderson Farm to get to Red Dam. I'm sure we had a good picnic lunch and Easter Egg Hunt. I don't think I found an Easter Egg because I fell down and skinned my knee, so I spent some time crying. It seems I always had a skinned knee so I must have been a clumsy kid. When they cut around the mountain to extend highway FM 70 to meet U.S. 80 they must have cut part of Red Dam off. I knew that Red Dam was always a favorite hunting place for all the young boys. Just a memory now.

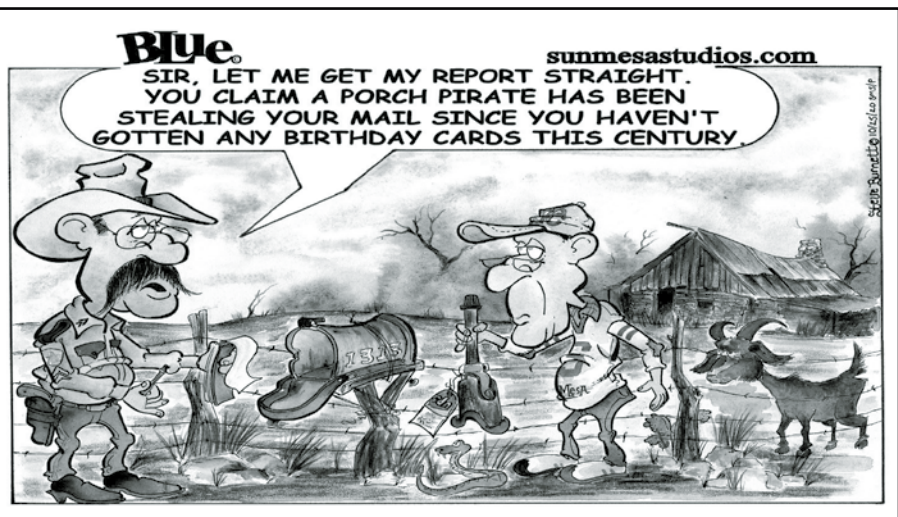
Other families lived in the Sullivan house after they moved to be closer to Aunt Florence. The Sullivans were related to another Howard

County family. Bonnie Gill Franklin's family lived in the Sullivan house at one time and she and my sister, Joann, were good friends.

Another family named John and Leila Buchanan, also lived in the Sullivan House. The Airport Baptist Church was organized and became a wonderful place for the young people in the neighborhood. Leila became my Sunday School teacher.

We wondered where Mr. Buchanan went several times a week as he walked to Highway 80. We found out later that he would hitchhike until someone picked him up. Then he would travel several miles with them and teach them about Jesus Christ, our savior, and then he would change to the other side of the road and teach to whoever picked him up as they brought him home. I'm sure this was a very intriguing way that Bro. John spent his later years.

Marie Hughes  
Big Spring



## Up to here

When my aged Uncle Mort called the other day, I figured he wanted me to hear his election rants. Instead, he told me his TV has been "muted" since political ads took over most channels several weeks ago.

"So far, Maude and I are making it fine, particularly if we remember to wear blinders atop our masks when we go to town," he said. "We don't look right or left-eyes glued to the road ahead—thus spared viewing ugly yard signs and billboards."

I winced in general agreement, and may resort to TV "muting"—or even "offing"—if ads get worse.

Before long, he was ranting about the alleged efforts of Russia and Iran to throw wrenches into our election machinery.

Prone to localize issues whenever he can, he decided to speak to the veracity—or, "habitual truthfulness," as he put it—concerning the thicket's election officer.

"Old Joe is so honest, if he tells you it's Easter Sunday, egg-hunting can commence."

He told me of a recent visit of a great-great-grand nephew who was a longtime Texas basketball coach. His kin arrived in the thicket on the day the National Basketball Association's championship series began.

Mort reluctantly agreed to tune in the game on TV; however, he insisted that he'd mute the sound, and that his nephew needn't try to make it a moot point.

As the game grew more physi-

cal, lightning hit nearby. Lights flickered and the TV spewed smoke.

Once they were standing, their "sea legs" firmly in place, electricity was restored.

Stunned, Mort's nephew sputtered, "What happened?"

Smiling, Mort answered, "Best I can tell by all the clucking, lightning hit the chicken coop,

and at the game-going by messages sewn on their uniforms—Black Lives Matter had a head-on collision with Equal Justice."

During the visit, Mort's nephew asked him what he'd done during the previous weekend.

Ever the sly one, Mort waxed rhetorical.

"Before I answer your question, what have you heard that I did?"

Standing nearby and remaining silent, Maude wondered if news had gotten out about Mort and his buddies' "tiff" during a Saturday domino game at the general store.

Just as Mort spoke about the players' uniform messages, I thought of an unusual message I saw recently on church grounds.

Unusual as it may seem, it was posted at the Cowboy Church of Tarrant County. A "welcoming church," its interior has the usual furnishings common to most churches. Interestingly, the church has two baptismal options, both typically used as livestock watering troughs.

Outdoors, where "farmer in the

dell" and cowboy items are numerous, hangs this simple sign: "WE DON'T RENT PIGS!" (Perhaps it was posted by an old codger like me who barely passed Agriculture 101 in high school.)

The folks I visited with aren't sure how the sign got there, and they laugh about it, too. They don't rent other farmyard animals, either.

Who knows? Maybe they tire of other church folks asking if they have animals to rent for Christmas pageants. However, I don't remember ever seeing pigs in pageants.

Don't forget—biblical references cast swine in a bad light.

My ponderance of pigs, however unlikely, reminds me of a late high school football coach who made hundreds of talks to athletes. Gordon always recited an anonymous poem that has many variations.

Here's one of them:

It was a year ago, September, on a day I well remember.

I was walking up and down in drunken pride.

When my knees began to flutter and I fell into a gutter,

A pig came by and lay down by my side.

As I lay there in the gutter thinking thoughts I dare not utter,

A lady passing by was heard to say:

"You can tell a man who boozes, by the company he chooses.

And the pig got up, and slowly walked away."

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## DAILY PRAYER

Our commitment to You, Lord, needs to be long-standing. Help us in our walk with You. Amen



# Big Spring wins final game of regular season over San Angelo Lake View 35-21



HERALD Photos/Shawn Moran

**Above left: Cornerback Java Ford lines up in tight man coverage against a Lake View wideout. Above right: The Big Spring Steers run out of the tunnel before the game on Friday night with their Steer Nation flags.**

**By SHAWN MORAN**  
Herald Sports Writer

It only took the San Angelo Lake View Chiefs 54 seconds to find the end zone on Friday night. They quickly took a 7-0 lead and it looked like it might be a long night for the Steer defense.

That turned out not to be the case at all.

Following that early score by the Chiefs, the Steers moved right down the field for a touchdown of their own and proceeded to score 27 unanswered points. Big Spring (4-3, 1-2) was then able to hold off any comeback attempt by Lake View (4-6, 0-3) en route to a much-needed 35-21 district victory.

"I'm just proud of our kids," Head Coach Cannon McWilliams said. "They never wavered, had good confidence, and once we answered we never really looked back from there."

Big Spring's defense excelled at playing a bend-but-don't-break style of play and they were able to hold Lake View when it mattered most. On offense, the Steers were finally able to get the running game going with Orlando Sanchez and Gabriel Baeza able to break-off some long runs.

When the Steers got to the red zone, they were able to capitalize on those opportunities and they made some big plays throughout the contest. The gunslinger Baeza tossed three touchdown passes in the first half to wide receiver Jose Cantu - including one 46-yard Hail Mary score as time expired in the second quarter - and ran in two more scores in the second half. Baeza threw three first half interceptions but he never let it get to him and continued to produce.

"He's grown so much. He can throw an interception and I am not happy, but he'll just say, 'Okay.' It's also good to have a really good defense and he trusts those guys. He just keeps chunking it, and Jose Cantu had a great game."

It was a great team win for the Steers who will now have a week off as they will begin preparation for their yet-to-be-announced first-round playoff opponent.

2Q - 7:48 - Big Spring TD - Baeza pass to Jose Cantu for 7-yard TD  
2Q - 0:00 - Big Spring TD - Baeza pass to Jose Cantu for 46-yard TD  
3Q - 9:09 - Big Spring TD - Baeza 6-yard rush  
3Q - 5:10 - Lake View TD - Albert Rodriguez 10-yard rush  
3Q - 0:17 - Big Spring TD - Baeza 7-yard rush  
4Q - 2:14 - Lake View TD - Austin Bandy 1-yard rush

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## Big Spring XC Boys win district in Lubbock, Girls finish third



Courtesy Photo

**The Big Spring XC team poses together for a photo following District.**

**By SHAWN MORAN**  
Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring cross-country team participated in the UIL 4A-District 3 meet this past Wednesday in Lubbock. The six district schools - Big Spring, Levelland, Lubbock Estacado, San Angelo Lake View, Snyder, and Sweetwater - were all present and the Steers took home first-place in the Varsity Boys' competition while placing third in the Varsity Girls' competition.

In the Varsity Mens' 5,000 meters, Big Spring junior Roman Perez finished in second-place (17:46.87) behind Snyder's senior runner Christian Escobedo (17:04.75). His teammates, sophomores Adrian Solis (18:20.88) and Isaac Gonzales (18:53.58) also finished in the Top 5 by finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. Other Big Spring finishers were senior Brandon Rogers (11th, 19:42.14), freshman Michael Perez (12th, 19:45.65), senior J Jones (23rd, 21:25.48), and freshman Jo-

seph Gonzales (25th, 21:37.90). All of those runners placed in the Top 25 out of 33 total runners and it was good enough for a District title for the Steers.

On the girls' side, the Lady Steers had a strong collective performance running the 2-Mile Race and finished in third-place as a team.

Top runner Elisabeth Jones was the top finisher for the Lady Steers and won the race (1st, 14:03.61). The next Lady Steers to finish the race were senior Felicity Calderon (16th, 15:43.39), and sophomore Felicity Yanez (20th, 15:59.60) to round out the Top 20. Freshman Alexa Mehan (25th, 16:25.64), freshman Analisa De Los Santos (28th, 16:32.87), and sophomore Esperanza De Los Santos (35th, 17:37.37) were the other Lady Steer runners in the 38-runner field.

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### SCORING PLAYS (35-21 FINAL):

1Q - 10:57 - Lake View TD - Joshua Torres 19-yard rush  
1Q - 8:07 - Big Spring TD - Baeza pass to Jose Cantu for 3-yard TD

## Forsan crushes Stamford 42-14 at home on Friday

**By SHAWN MORAN**  
Herald Sports Writer

The Forsan Buffaloes jumped out to a lead early on Friday night and never looked back on their way to 42-14 win and their second-straight district win heading into a showdown with Hawley.

Forsan had two players rush for over 100 yards on Friday night (Nate Hernandez and Major Stockton), and two more that rushed for over 50 yards (Drayklyn Henry and Sawyer Stallings).

Hernandez had three rushing touchdowns while fellow running backs Henry and Chris

Mendez had one each. Stockton passed for over 100 yards and had one 43-yard TD pass to Joshua Cervantes. On defense, they grabbed two interceptions.

"I thought our execution was really good again tonight," Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "We had a few new wrinkles that we threw in and we ran with it. It was a good offensive performance and we also played a great defensive football game. We put a lot of pressure on their quarterback, our coverage was really good, and we made the tackles we needed to in the open field."

## Coahoma loses close one to Lubbock Roosevelt, 26-20

**By SHAWN MORAN**  
Herald Sports Writer

Lubbock Roosevelt (8-1, 3-1) left Coahoma (6-2, 2-2) on Friday night with a 26-20 win between two very strong district rivals.

The game was competitive throughout the entire 48 minutes

of action with the Bulldogs never showing any sign of quit and scoring their last touchdown with two minutes remaining in the game.

Running back Brysen Kerby was able to score all three touchdowns for Coahoma but the Eagles made just a few more plays in this contest.

"I told the kids after the game, we've won a lot of football games over the past three years, but I've never been more proud of a group as I was tonight," Head Coach Chris Joslin said. "We kept playing and kept playing and gave ourselves a chance to win the game near the end."

### NFL SCHEDULE

#### WEEK EIGHT THURSDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Atlanta Falcons (2-6)	@ Carolina Panthers (3-5)	25-17, Falcons

#### SUNDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
New England Patriots (2-4)	@ Buffalo Bills (5-2)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Tennessee Titans (5-1)	@ Cincinnati Bengals (1-5-1)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Las Vegas Raiders (3-3)	@ Cleveland Browns (5-2)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis Colts (4-2)	@ Detroit Lions (3-3)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Minnesota Vikings (1-5)	@ Green Bay Packers (5-1)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
New York Jets (0-7)	@ Kansas City Chiefs (6-1)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Los Angeles Rams (5-2)	@ Miami Dolphins (3-3)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh Steelers (6-0)	@ Baltimore Ravens (5-1)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Los Angeles Chargers (2-4)	@ Denver Broncos (2-4)	3:05 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans Saints (4-2)	@ Chicago Bears (5-2)	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
San Francisco 49ers (4-3)	@ Seattle Seahawks (5-1)	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Dallas Cowboys (2-5)	@ Philadelphia Eagles (2-4-1)	7:20 p.m. (NBC)

#### MONDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
Tampa Bay Buccaneers (5-2)	@ New York Giants (1-6)	7:15 p.m. (ESPN)

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**Arch**

HOW'D YOU DO ON THE BIG TEST? I MADE ONE MISTAKE!

WHAT WAS THE MISTAKE? I DIDN'T CALL IN SICK TODAY!

OH, NO! I JUST REALIZED I PUT THE WRONG ANSWER DOWN ON MY TEST!

MS. GRUNDY, I WROTE "A" AS MY ANSWER TO QUESTION SIX, AND I REALLY MEANT TO WRITE "B"!

IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE! A SLIP OF THE PEN! PLEASE LET ME CHANGE THAT ANSWER!

I'LL SHOW UP EARLY FOR CLASS FROM NOW ON! I'LL CLEAN THE CHALKBOARDS--

OK, OK! CHANGE IT!

WHW! THANKS, MS. GRUNDY! HOWEVER, THE CORRECT ANSWER WAS "A"!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM SOONER? AND MISS THIS ENCORE? PLEASE! LEAMME CHANGE IT BACK! PLEASE!

11-1 HENRY SURELL CROSS BOLDAN

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MOMMA

BY MELL LAZARUS

IS EVERYONE HAVING A MARVELOUSLY WONDERFUL SPRING?

GEE, MOMMA... WE WON'T REALLY KNOW UNTIL WE TASTE FRANCIS' HAMBURGERS!

11-1 MELL LAZARUS

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**Agnes**  
by TONY COCHRAN

SINCE WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF WINTER'S UGLY ONSLAUGHT, I THINK WE SHOULD REVISIT THE SPORT OF ICE SKATING.

YOU GO AHEAD. I'M OUT.

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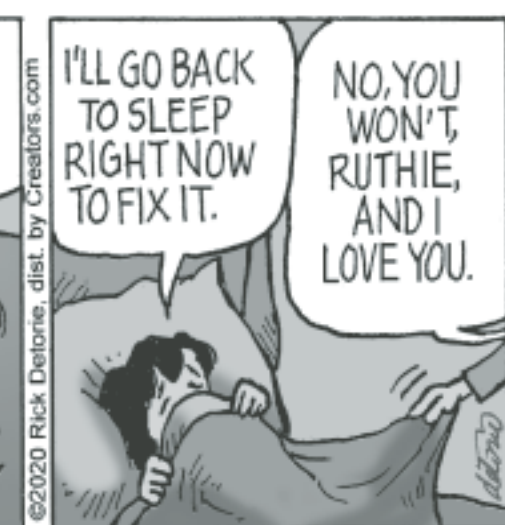
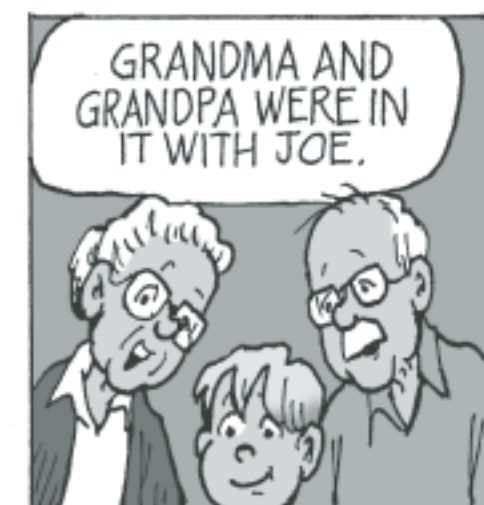
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11-1-2020 TONY COCHRAN

SIGH... ME EITHER... MAYBE WE COULD HONE OUR SKILLS AT ICE SCULPTURE.

OK, BUT IT'S YOUR TURN TO ASK FOR THE CHAINSAW AT CHRISTMAS.





ANDY CAPP

by Smythe





# Check this out, at the library this week

There is still time to pick up a League of Women Voters Guide at the library, while supplies last. Did you miss the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale? Don't worry you can still come by the library and get a great deal on great books. Books are on display near the front of the circulation desk and in the basement of the library. Come by the library during regular business hours to buy books.

This week's reviews include fiction titles in audiobook format.

It's sweltering in Charlotte, North Carolina and Temperance Brennan, is recovering from neurosurgery following an aneurysm in "A Conspiracy of Bones" (AUCD F REI K) by Kathy Reichs, Linda Emond (Narrator). Tempe is battling nightmares, migraines, and what she thinks might be hallucinations when she receives a series of mysterious text messages, each containing a new picture of a corpse that is missing its face and hands. Immediately, she's anxious to know who the dead man is, and why the images were sent to her. To discover the man's identity, Tempe must go rogue and work outside the system. Her new boss holds a fierce grudge and is determined to bar her from the case. But she bulls forward anyway, even as she begins questioning her instincts and as puzzles accumulate: Was the faceless man a spy? A trafficker? A target for assassination by the government? And why was he carrying the name of a long-missing child? With help from a number of law enforcement associates including her Montreal beau Andrew Ryan and the always-ready-with-a-smart-quip, ex-homicide investigator Skinny Slidell, and utilizing new cutting-edge forensic methods, Tempe draws

closer to the astonishing truth. But the more she uncovers, the darker and more twisted the picture becomes.

Dr. Kendra Michaels, blind for the first twenty years of her life before gaining her sight via a revolutionary surgical procedure, is a renowned investigator known for her razor-sharp senses, and keen deductive abilities, honed during her years in the dark. Now her skills are needed uncomfortably close to home in "Hindsight" (AUCD F JOH R) by Iris Johansen and Roy Johansen. Two staff members have been murdered at a school for the blind where Kendra spent her formative years. But the murders are puzzlingly dissimilar: one victim was brutally stabbed, while the other was killed by a bullet to the head. Are the crimes related? Or is Kendra on the hunt for more than one dangerous killer? With the killer or killers still on the loose, Kendra races against time to unravel a dangerous conspiracy. But Kendra soon discovers that she herself may hold the key to the deadliest secret of all. In the small north Florida town of Seabrook, a young lawyer named Keith Russo was shot dead at his desk as he worked late one night in "The Guardians" (AUCD F GRI J) by John Grisham, Michael Beck (Narrator).

The killer left no clues behind. There were no witnesses, no one with a motive. But the police soon came to suspect Quincy Miller, a young black man who was once a client of Russo's. Quincy was tried, convicted, and sent to prison for life. For twenty-two years he languished in prison, maintaining his innocence. But no one was listening. He had no lawyer, no advocate on the outside. In desperation he writes a letter to Guardian Ministries, a small nonprofit run by Cullen Post, a lawyer who is also an Episcopal minister. Guardian accepts only a few innocence cases at a time. Cullen Post travels the country fighting wrongful convictions and taking

on clients forgotten by the system. With Quincy Miller, though, he gets far more than he bargained for. Powerful, ruthless people murdered Keith Russo, and they do not want Quincy exonerated. They killed one lawyer twenty-two years ago, and they will kill another one without a second thought.

Grandma Mazur, Stephanie Plum's favorite family member and occasional partner in crime, has decided to get married again in "Twisted Twenty-Six" (AUCD F EVA J) by Janet Evanovich, Lorelei King (Narrator). Grandma Mazur is marrying local gangster, Jimmy Rosolli. If Stephanie has her doubts about this marriage, she doesn't have to worry for long, because the groom drops dead of a heart attack 45 minutes after saying, "I do." A sad day for Grandma Mazur turns into something far more dangerous when Jimmy's former "business partners" are convinced that his new widow is keeping the keys to a financial windfall all to herself. But the one thing these wise guys didn't count on was the widow's bounty hunter granddaughter, who'll do anything to save her. Stephanie Plum has made a career out of tracking down bad guys, but this time some of the worst people in all of New Jersey are coming after the most important person in her life, and she's the only thing standing in their way.

"No two persons ever read the same book." - Edmund Wilson

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## TSTC student follows family tradition of entering the medical field

BROWNWOOD - Seth Johnston is following other members of his family's career path into the medical field.

The 18-year-old is a first-year student in Texas State Technical College's Emergency Medical Services program. Johnston plans to join his mother, who is a registered nurse, father, a computerized tomography technician, and brother, an X-ray technician, in the field of medicine.

"I decided to follow in their footsteps," he said. "They were really excited for me when I told them I was going to go to school."

He chose the EMS route after a fam-

ily member was injured.

"I decided on EMS because my cousin was in a car accident after football practice and they transported him to the hospital," Johnston said. "I really caught on to what they were doing to help him and decided I wanted to do the same for others."

He plans to further his education at TSTC by completing the paramedic program after the emergency medical technician certification.

Johnston admitted he did not know what to expect when beginning classes this fall.

"I was in awe when I saw the ambu-

lance simulator," he said. "I am ready to train in the simulator."

Johnston said he is looking forward to the portion of the program where he will ride with paramedics in the field.

"I know there will be some anxiety and scary parts to see," he said. "But it will be interesting to see how things are done in the field."

Johnston said the hands-on approach is the best way he can take in information.

"I like to see something get done, and then I can get with it," he said.

Being the youngest member of the class does not stop him from doing his

best.

"It is a great environment to work in. My classmates pick me up when they see I am having a bad day," Johnston said. "I feel included in everything we do. When someone else is down, I am right there to pick them up. Everyone in our class is a team."

Johnston also said the instructors play an important role in the learning environment.

"They push all of us to do our best. They are always by your side, making sure you know what to do," he said.

For more information about TSTC, visit [tstc.edu](http://tstc.edu).



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## HALLOWEEN SAFE STOPS ACROSS HOWARD COUNTY



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Big Spring Health Food Store/ Big Spring Fire Extinguisher 1303/1305 Scurry – parking lot Saturday, Oct. 31 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	JJayz Bar & Grill Patio – 113 S. Maintenance Saturday, Oct. 31 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Scenic Mountain Medical Center & SMMG – 1601 W. Eleventh Place Saturday, Oct. 31 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
C. Larson Real Estate Saturday, Oct. 31 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Life Church – 1004 Johnson Drive thru Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct. 31 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Selah Tubing Testers – 4014 Parkway Saturday, Oct. 31 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Cornerstone Audiology – 210 W. Third St. Friday, Oct. 30 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Midway Baptist Church – S. Service Road Trunk or Treat Saturday Oct. 31 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Sunloan Company – 2101 S. Gregg St. Friday, Oct. 30 Noon – 6 p.m.
Double L BBQ – 400 E. 20th Friday, Oct. 30 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.	NazFamily Church – 1400 S. Lancaster Saturday, Oct. 31 Noon – 2 p.m.	TJ's Pub & Grub – 2104 W I-20 North Service Road Saturday, Oct. 31 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Grace Fellowship COG – Corner of Rutger and Colgate Saturday, Oct. 31 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Paul's Custom PCs – 1911 Scurry Saturday, Oct. 31 6 p.m. - Midnight	Trinity Baptist Church – 1701 E. FM 700 Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct. 31 4-6 p.m.
H.E.B - 2000 S. Gregg St. Saturday, Oct. 31 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Post Office – 501 S. Main Saturday, Oct. 31 6 p.m.	Tru Line Construction Layout, LLC – 101 S. Main Street Saturday, Oct. 31 5 p.m.
Heritage Museum – 510 Scurry Saturday, Oct. 31 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Pumpkin Patch – 710 Scurry Saturday, Oct. 31 3 p.m. - close	Wild Space Tattoo – 603 B South Gregg Street Saturday, Oct. 31 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Howard County Library – 500 S. Main Friday, Oct. 30 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Ronnie Smiths Transmissions – 2900 E. FM 700 Friday, Oct. 30 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	YMCA - 801 Owens Street Saturday, Oct. 31 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Interim Healthcare – 1900 S. Gregg Suite C	Sabrina Flores Photography – 219 S. Main Saturday, Oct. 31	

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

### Herald Staff Report

As Howard County residents prepare to take part in Halloween festivities, a few key safety reminders need to be at the forefront of your adventures. Texas A&M AgriLife experts, along with Big Spring Police Department and TxDOT offer some safety guidelines for those taking to the roadways and the sidewalks this Halloween.

Staying safe can be tricky for chil-



dren going through neighborhoods in search of treats — unless they stay aware of possible traffic dangers on the streets, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension expert.

“This time of year, the days are beginning to get shorter, and with shorter days comes more low-light and nighttime driving,” said Bev Kellner, AgriLife Extension passenger safety program manager, College Station.

This weekend marks the end of Daylight Savings Time, which will mean the days will be shorter and nighttime will come upon sooner. Kellner said nighttime driving requires extra attention from both motorists and pedestrians.

More than 70 percent of all fatal pedestrian incidents occur in low light conditions, and nearly 50 percent of fatal bicycle crashes occur in low-light or dark conditions, according to NHTSA.

“There are also increased instances of drunken driving on Halloween,” she noted.

Kellner said the large number of young pedestrians on the streets Halloween evening makes this an especially dangerous time, but motorists, parents and children can take some safety measures to make it less daunting.

Some safety tips for motorists include:

- Slowing down in neighborhoods and watching for children on roads, medians and curbs.
- Taking extra precautions when entering or exiting driveways.
- Being alert to children possibly darting out from between cars or behind bushes or shrubs.
- If attending a party where alcohol is to be served, designate a driver.

Tips for parents include:

- Having an adult accompany children at all times to supervise their activities.
- Reminding children to stop, look and listen before crossing streets.
- Taking a flashlight and having your

child wear reflective

strips or patches on their clothing or costume to be more visible.

- Be certain children's masks do not impair their vision or hearing.
- Ensuring costumes do not impede the ability to walk or drive.

Tips for pedestrians include:

- Before crossing a street, stop at the curb or edge of the road and look left, right and then left again before crossing.
- Walk, don't run, from house to house or across the street.
- Cross streets only at intersections and crosswalks, then obey any traffic signals and watch out for turning cars.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.





# Howard County Lunch Menus

## Big Spring ISD

### Anderson Accelerated

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ Chicken melt, egg chef salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon roll bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks with sauce, popcorn chicken salad w/flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken-n-waffles, taco nacho salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coco puff breakfast bar, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak with roll, chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

### Elementary

Monday: Breakfast: Yogurt with crackers, assorted fruits, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich with smile fries, egg chef salad, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll, taco nacho salad, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Country fried steak, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Tony's pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

### High School

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel with jelly, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese/burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Egg roll with rice, bacon-burger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice. Lunch: Burrito, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Fish sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Banana muffin, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Big Steer burger/walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

### Intermediate

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken tacos, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini Cinnamon bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or burrito, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or

chicken fried steak.

Friday: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or hot dog, assorted juice and milk.

### Junior High

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken tacos, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or burrito, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken fried steak sandwich.

Friday: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or hot dog, assorted juice and milk.

### Kentwood

Monday: Breakfast: Fudge pop tart, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger with smile fries, fruit and 1% milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Fruit loops cereal pouch, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cinnamon roll with tater tots, fruit and 1% milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cereal bowl, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Hot dog on a bun with chips, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffles, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

### Elementary – Moss Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty sandwich with smile fries, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger on a bun, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Wednesday: Walking taco with Doritos, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Thursday: Country fried steak, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Friday: Tony's pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

## Coahoma ISD

### K-12th Breakfast

Monday: Early bird sandwich or breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: French toast with sausage or monte cristo sandwich, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Pancake wrap or sausage kolache with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Cinnamon roll with sausage or biscuit with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

### K-8 Lunch

Monday: Corn dog with tater tots or oven roasted chicken with green beans, roll or chef salad, baked beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk.

Tuesday: Nacho grande or taco soup, cornbread or taco salad, tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, ice cream cup, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich with fries or treme burrito with salsa, corn or crispy chicken salad, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Asian bowl with egg roll or hamburger steak with gravy, biscuit, roasted potatoes or Asian salad, crunchy broccoli salad, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday: Pizza or popcorn chicken salad, carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, dessert, milk.

### 9-12th Grade Lunch

Monday: Corn dog with tater tots or oven roasted chicken with green beans, roll or chef salad baked beans, apple-pineapple, d'lite, milk.

Tuesday: Nacho grande or taco soup, cornbread, or taco salad, tomato cup, cucumber slices, peaches, ice cream cup, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich with fries or treme burrito with salsa, corn or crispy chicken salad, fresh veggies cup, fruity gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Asian bowl with egg roll or hamburger steak with gravy, biscuit, roasted potatoes or Asian salad, crunchy broccoli salad, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday: Pizza or popcorn chicken salad, carrots, garden salad, fresh fruit, dessert, milk.

## Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Steak fingers or chicken nuggets with mac and cheese (elementary), chicken boneless bites with mac and cheese (JH/HS) or PB&J Sandwich, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, applesauce cups, fresh fruit, and milk.

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: Hamburger or Spaghetti Bowl or turkey and cheese sub, tots, ranch style 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 and 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: Grilled cheese sandwich or popcorn chicken with roll (elementary) buffalo popcorn chicken bowl (JH/HS) or turkey and cheese sub, carrots, corn, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Mini powdered donuts, fresh fruit, fruit juice, and 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, baby carrots, fries, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

## Senior Center

Monday: Green chili stew, Spanish rice, tossed salad, FF ranch, fruit cup, cornbread, milk.

Tuesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, biscuits, milk.

Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, pasta salad, peaches and cottage cheese, baked chips, cookies, milk.

Thursday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, baked chips, cucumber salad, pistacio salad, milk.

Friday: Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, sliced beets, angel cake with strawberries and chip, milk.

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## Chamber of Commerce happenings ... Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club hosts Alive After 5 networking event for October



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The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club hosted the October Alive After 5 event this past Thursday. Chamber members along with Boys and Girls Club staff joined together for an evening of networking and refreshments. There will be two more opportunities for networking before the end of the year, in addition to weekly Thank You presentations and a few ribbon cuttings.



## Highlighting Howard Co. Business Providing a caring home away from home; Big Spring Center for Skilled Care



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care has been providing a support for families since 2017. The center offers inpatient and outpatient services. Visitors have been welcomed back into the facility this past month after being closed to visitors due to the coronavirus pandemic. The facility is located at 3701 Wasson Road.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

When the time is reached for a loved one to safely reside in their own home on their own, or in the midst of a life event which requires a little bit of extra care, Big Spring Center for Skilled Care is ready, willing and able to help care for your loved ones.

“There is always a need for care in every community, whether it be short term or long term, depending on what stage of life you are in,” Christy Brownfield, Director of Marketing for Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, said. “The population of the elderly is growing every year and the need for families to have a little help caring for their loved ones in a safe and secure environment helps them feel at ease.”

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care opened their doors on Jan. 15, 2015 and has been providing care to families in the Howard County area since then. The facility offers inpatient care and outpatient physical and occupational therapy. Currently, outpatient services are suspended due to the pandemic. Skilled care services – short term and long term options – are also available for inpatients. The facility is part of the Creative Solution family and Shelli Ogburn serves as local administrator.

“We have a wonderful therapy staff who is driven by their determination to get the patient back to where they are independent in their home or in their facility. Through their care and support, the healing process and road to recovery can be a smooth one.”

“We would love to take care of you or your loved ones,” Brownfield said. “We have many ways to help, from inpatient to outpatient services – when we are not in a pandemic – and we provide 24 hour nursing care.”

While the Covid-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the services offered by the facility, the

biggest impact has been on the residents and their families. With the Governor’s orders limiting visitation inside the facility, Big Spring Center for Skilled Care and numerous other care facilities had to get creative and find new ways for loved ones to stay connected. Recently, BSCSC has been able to welcome visitors back into the facility which has truly helped the residents.

“It has been very stressful and challenging to many. We have tried to stay ahead of all the rules and regulations that change daily,” she said. “Our number one goal is to keep our residents safe.”

Brownfield continued, “The biggest impact was felt by our families when the announcement was made that visits would not be allowed. While this came as an unwelcome announcement to us at the facility, we understand the hard blow it dealt to the families. We were able to get creative, brought new ideas to the table and through the use of technology we were able to keep families connected.”

As for many facilities, Facebook, Facetime, Zoom and Video calls became a common form of connection for residents. Each phone call helped fill the gap that had been created with the lock down of facilities across the nation.

“Depression was a struggle, but to help offset and keep the residents from slipping into that, we planned new activities, scheduled frequent phone calls, window visits when allowed, and other interactive avenues that the residents could get involved in,” Brownfield said. “The pandemic has taught us all how to do things differently and live differently. We all had to have an open mind and it’s through us being able to pull together and form a united front that we have been able to get through this. The pandemic has taught us that it truly does

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## Public Records

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

Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring  
Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring  
Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple  
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring  
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring  
Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring  
Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.  
Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder  
John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260  
Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder  
Douglas “Doug” Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans  
James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine  
Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo  
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake  
Gloria Cerna, P.O. Box 55, Lamesa  
Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa  
Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.  
Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring  
Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland  
Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin  
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Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder  
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take a village to care for our residents.”

She continued, “One of the biggest blessings that has taken place since first opening our doors in 2015 is the ability to grow our family with our residents and their families. This year, we learned even more how important that connection and support of our community truly is. Being involved in the community and forming lasting partnerships and relationships has been a huge help in getting through this and we realized just how blessed we are.”

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Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring  
Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring  
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring  
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City  
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring  
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas  
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring  
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas  
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring  
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

### Marriage Licenses:

Kailee Raeann Templin, 21, and Destiny Nicole Polk, 22, both of Big Spring.  
Sterling Levi Miller, 34, and Shelley Starr Meador, 29, both of Big Spring.  
Anthony Maurice Sherrell, 37, and Norma Rodriguez, 39, both of Big Spring.  
Haleigh Diane Arnet, 21, and Ashley Renee Lewis, 19, both of Big Spring.  
Jerry Don Watkins, 47, and Carol Ann Dyer, 42, both of Coahoma.  
Andre James Gonzales, 23, and Valerie Anne Arview, 20, both of Big Spring.  
Hector Morin, 49, and Betty Lou Rodriguez, 47, both of Big Spring.

### District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Matt Dahmer DBA Crossroads Collision Center  
Defendant: Plains Choice Auto Group LLC DBA EZ Auto, Morgan Lopez  
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Date: October 22, 2020

Plaintiff: Carlos Ramirez  
Defendant: Outback Adventure Track, Inc  
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – Other injury or damage  
Date: October 23, 2020

Plaintiff: Leah Hughes  
Defendant: Jason Wimer  
Type of Case: Protective Order – No Divorce  
Date: October 22, 2020

Plaintiff: Michael Dorbandt  
Defendant: Val Verde Royalty Company LLC  
Type of Case: Real property - other  
Date: October 26, 2020

Plaintiff: Benard Makori  
Defendant: Mary Munge  
Type of Case: Divorce - children  
Date: October 26, 2020

Plaintiff: Elvira Atkinson  
Defendant: Horace Atkinson  
Type of Case: Divorce – No children  
Date: October 26, 2020

Plaintiff: Ex parte, Jodi Duck, Howard County Elections Administrator  
Type of Case: Civil Case - other  
Date: October , 2020

### Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Billy Joe Cochran and Ninfa P. Cochran  
Grantee: Ibrahim Ole Nagol  
Property: Being a 2.00 acre tract of land out of Tract 3-B (9.98 acres) out of the NW/4 of Section 105, block 29, W. & N.W. RR Co. Survey  
Date: October 19,2020

Grantor: Maricella Y. Hooker  
Grantee: Marisol Y. Gavin  
Property: All of Lot No. 12 in block No. 3, amended Government Heights to Bauer Addition  
Date: October 16,2020

Grantor: Nitelite Rentals LLC  
Grantee: Eric Lusk  
Property: All of Lot 2, block 15, McDowell Heights Addition an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas  
Date: October 21,2020

Grantor: Donna Gannaway  
Grantee: JGNR LLC, a Texas limited liability company  
Property: A six acre tract out of the NW/4 of the NW/4

of the NE/4 of Section 8, block 31, Township 1-North, T&P Ry. Co Survey, Howard County, Texas and being all of the land in said NW/4 of the NE/4 of said section lying north of State Highway 350.  
Date: October 19,2020

Grantor: Daniel Mondier  
Grantee: Jose Umberto Lopez; and Maria S. Barajas  
Property: Being S/52, 1 acre of section 2, block 33, IS being 0.248 acres commonly known as 1207 Harding, Big Spring, Texas 79720  
Date: October 20,2020

Grantor: Troy Keith Nichols, Ronald Martin Nichols, and Elizabeth Ann Nichols, successor Co-trustees of the Robert M. Nichols and the Edith June Nichols Living Trust  
Grantee: Ronald Martin Nichols  
Property: Being a 2.181 acre tract of land out of the SE/4 of Section 50, block A, Bauer & Cockrell, Howard and Martin Counties, Texas described by metes and bounds  
Date: October 15,2020

Grantor: Troy Keith Nichols; Ronald Martin Nichols; Elizabeth Ann Nichols; Kyler Nichols; D'Nae Reyna; Patrick Nichols; Lori Osburn, each dealing in his or her sole and separate property  
Grantee: The Robert and June Nichols Family LLC  
Property: All of the interest in lands in Howard, Martin, Borden and Mitchell Counties acquired by grantors in those certain distribution deeds of even date herewith, from the Robert M. Nichols Trust and the Edith June Nichols Living Trust.  
Date: October 14 and 15,2020

Grantor: Daniel Maronn  
Grantee: Nina Maronn  
Property: Being lot 34, block 5, Douglas Addition, an addition to the city of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof of Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: October 22,2020

Grantor: A.L.S Enterprises LLC  
Grantee: Erik Rodriguez  
Property: Being the S/50' of the SW/4 of block No. 43, in College Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in envelope 22/B in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County.  
Date: October 20,2020

Grantor: Paul Decker  
Grantee: David Matthew Jones  
Property: S/2 Lot 11, block 2, Wright's Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to proper plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas  
Date: October 13,2020

Grantor: Johnnie Irene Tatom AKA Johnnie Tatom individually and as heir of Billy Gus Tatom  
Grantee: Matthew James Walker  
Property: A 2.72 acre tract of land out of the NW/4 of Sec. 41, block 32, Township 1-North, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: October 23,2020

Grantor: Roger Dale Brown and Anna Mae Brown, a married couple  
Grantee: Leonard Bani  
Property: Being a 3.70 acre tract of land, more or

less, out of Sec. 17, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Howard County also known as Tract 8, block D, Campestre Estates, a non-recorded subdivision of said Sec. 17 and being more particularly described  
Date: October 14,2020

### Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Turnbough Investment Group LLC  
Grantee: Christopher Hanna  
Property: Being a part of Sec. 37, block 31, Tsp. 1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey in Howard County Texas being out of and a part of a four acre tract heretofore conveyed by A.H. Tate and wife to J.W. Wood through deed dated April 29, 1941. Recorded in Volume 110, Page 65, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: October 16, 2020

Grantor: Correa Holdings, LLC  
Grantee: William S. Hatton and Anna L. Hatton  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 11, in block No. 16, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 2) an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to proper map or plat of record in Envelope 62/A, plat records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: October 16,2020

Grantor: Cruz's Construction & Homes LLC  
Grantee: Kimberly Anne Scott and Aloura Rashel Scott  
Property: Lot 7, block 3, Monticello Addition to the City of Big Spring  
Date: October 21,2020

Grantor: Pennye Lane Properties LLC  
Grantee: Jose Lopez and Maria Barajas  
Property: Being Lot 7 and part of Lot 8, in block No. 13, Boydston Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas said part of Lot 8  
Date: October 21,2020

Grantor: A.C. Neighbors  
Grantee: Big Spring Lock Storage LLC  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 1, in block No. 1, Bill Chrane Subdivision an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 140/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: October 21,2020

Grantor: Randy L. Evans and Karri Evans, a married couple  
Grantee: Clinton Ross Fox  
Property: Tract 1: Being Lot 17, in block 7, addition No. 3, Highland South No. 4 an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to plat of record in the office of the County Clerk in Envelope 117/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: Being a 0.012 acre tract out of Lot 16, block 7, Addition No. 3, Highland South Addition No. 4, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Texas in Sec. 8, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas and recorded in Envelope No. 117-B in the Howard County Clerk's Office.  
Date: October 22,2020

Grantor: Charles L. Watson and Rhonda L. Watson  
Grantee: Justin Griffith  
Property: Lot 22, block 5, in the Kentwood Addition Unit #1 to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to Proper Map or Plat of Record in the Office of the County Clerk of said Howard County, Texas.  
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ANSWER: JACK-O'-LANTERN

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By Steve Becker

**Detective work works well**

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North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 10 8 2  
♥ Q 8 5  
♦ 9 4 2  
♣ J 6 3

**WEST**  
♠ Q 6 5  
♥ J 7 4  
♦ A K 10 5  
♣ Q 7 2

**EAST**  
♠ —  
♥ 10 9 6 2  
♦ Q J 8 7 3  
♣ K 10 8 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 9 7 4 3  
♥ A K 3  
♦ 6  
♣ A 9 5

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

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must avoid losing a trump trick. **This doesn't look like much** of a chore, since the trumps are likely to be divided 2-1, but if South is by nature a cautious soul, he makes allowance for the possibility of a 3-0 trump division. This matter cannot be ignored, since if the spades are actually divided 3-0, the trump loser can still be avoided by initiating the suit correctly.

**Thus, if West has the Q-6-5,** the lead of the king exposes the situation and wipes out West's potential trump trick, while if East has the Q-6-5, starting the trumps by cashing the ace first similarly overcomes the potential trump loser.

**How does declarer resolve** the question of whether to play the king or ace first? Obviously, he doesn't just mentally toss a coin; he starts by looking for clues instead.

**There is a strong indication** that West is unlikely to have a spade void. With the A-K of diamonds and one or two of the other missing honor cards, plus a void in spades as well, he might have overcalled or doubled for takeout at his first turn to bid.

**Declarer therefore** plays the king of spades at trick three and is rewarded for his caution when East shows out, rendering West's queen worthless.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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	9	5	1	2				
			6			7		
							3	
	7			9	1	2		
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5	9	6	2	4	4	7	9	1
7	2	6	9	3	5	8	4	1
8	4	7	1	6	2	9	7	5
5	6	2	9	1	6	2	9	7
8	8	4	7	1	6	2	9	7
5	7	3	6	9	4	1	2	8
9	4	1	5	2	7	6	8	3
2	1	8	9	6	9	6	9	6
4	9	5	1	7	2	3	6	8
6	3	7	8	5	4	1	2	9

ANSWER:



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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Snail Mail Brings Cheer**

**Dear Annie:** My young adult daughter recently had a milestone birthday, so I asked friends and family to send a birthday card to her. She received many cards. I was very grateful to the people who sent them.

In these days of COVID-19, a divided nation and natural disasters, a card can really brighten a person's day. Plus, I am very proud of my daughter. She sent every one of the people she received a card from a thank-you note, saying how much the card meant to her. I feel like I raised my daughter right, with good manners.

So, just wanted to say: Send a card to someone you love. They will truly appreciate it. And if you receive a card, tell them thank you for thinking of you. Let's support each other. -- Observation

**Dear Observation:** I love the idea of brightening someone's day with a card. There are other small things we can do, such as buying the person in front of you a coffee, giving genuine compliments freely and even just picking up the phone and calling a loved one. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is wasted. In fact, these acts produce a ripple effect, creating more compassionate and caring human beings taking care of one another.

**Dear Annie:** My oldest son and I always had a close relationship. I was a single parent since he was 11.

Once he married and had children, he became quite distant and overprotective of his children. It is very hard to get to spend time with him or his family, and when we can, it's for a structured one-hour time limit. When his first child was born, we were told we could schedule a 30-minute

appointment at the hospital and were told the times. Because of this time restriction, my parents didn't get to go at all since their flight home was in the afternoon.

I hardly know his kids, and yet I am close and in frequent contact with my daughter and her family.

If we call or text my son, he replies days later, if at all. He is this way to the whole family, not just me. His girls are 1 and 5. I have only babysat the 5-year-old for two hours once at their home. He says he doesn't trust that I will follow all his instructions to the letter with the kids.

What can I do to improve this and to understand? -- Coping With a Changed Son

**Dear Coping:** I'm sorry you are being shut out of your son's and grandchildren's lives. Having love to give and having someone push away that love is painful. The saddest part is that your granddaughters don't have the gift of a loving grandparent.

You don't know what is going on behind the closed doors of your son's marriage. His lack of trust in your ability to follow his rules and instructions shows incredible rigidity. While rules are important, flexibility is equally important, and your son fails to see this. Remind yourself of the old maxim "A daughter is a daughter for life, while a son is a son until he gets a wife."

Just continue to be kind and appreciate the time you do get to spend with them. As far as what happened in the hospital five years ago, you have to let that go. Holding grudges will create a deeper divide in your family.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Mercury's Challenge of All Saints Day

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** We're taught to look out for red flags, but don't be so focused there that you miss the green ones. Feeling happy and safe in someone's company is a major green flag.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It is said that you we train people how to treat us. In that case, it makes no sense to give rewards willy-nilly. Save your rewards for instances when a behavior pleases you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're looking for an intangible thing that you can't yet describe or define. Perhaps it's more of a feeling or a concept that's still in an extremely early form. Yet, you'll know it when you see it.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You are surrounded by indulgences; though they are so commonplace

you may not see them this way. Easy pleasures are often unrewarding, as a good part of pleasure is feeling you've earned it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Things get off-balance rather quickly today, and you're best to take this as an invitation to return to the basics. What is entirely within your control? Focus there and enjoy immediate improvements.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Conflict happens in good relationships as well as bad ones. A connection doesn't have to be perfect to be viable. Where there's love, respect and support, there is also hope.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** What costs little will help much. A smile, a kind look, an extra moment given over to listening to another person -- these all fall into that category. You'll add value to an exchange without losing any.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You pay respect knowing that you will also be respected; however, that's not the reason you do it. In all things, your personal reasons for following through will be more important than any net result.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Would you rather be bored doing what's popular or be lonely doing what you like but no one else can relate to? Today's choices make you appreciate all the times going along with the crowd was genuinely enjoyable.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll be in

trust and encouragement. Give it anyway though, because chances are they need it even more than the others.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 1).** You no longer need a certain protective armor. A changed relationship with the world transforms old defenses, which you will release into the atmosphere like so many butterflies. Domestic projects bring beauty and good fortune to your daily life, as will improved relationships and new friendships. A fresh revenue stream opens in February. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 1, 15 and 42.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** As Mercury slows to a standstill before returning to direct status, it will be helpful to remind yourself of a few tenants, the first of which being that other people's inner lives are likely every bit as complex as your own. And though we usually only

see one small part of people's exterior world -- the part that involves us -- there is always a lot more that doesn't involve us at all that informs the bigger picture of who that person is and what they need at any given moment.

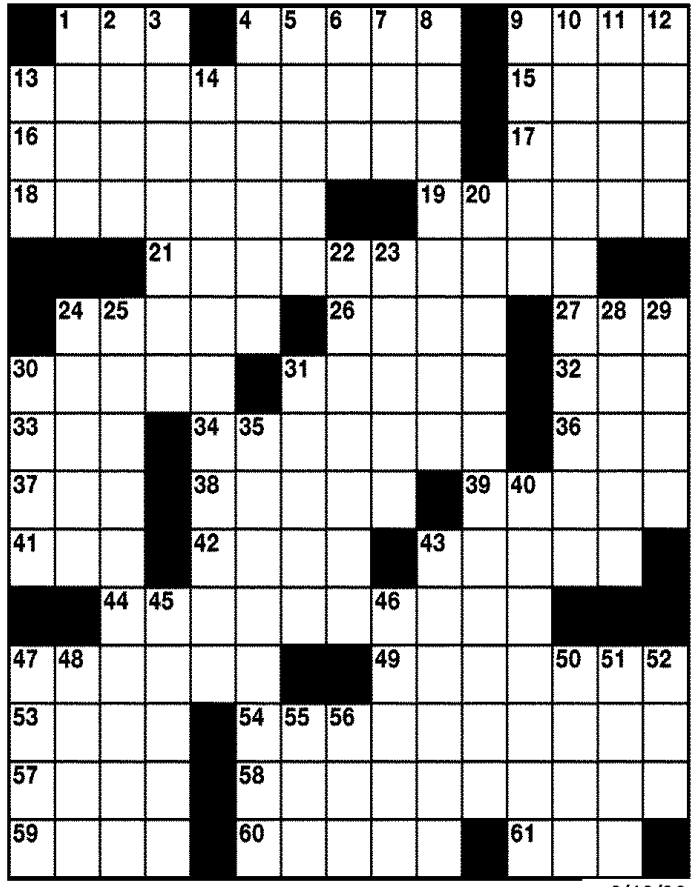
United States presidential Election Day coincides with Mercury slowing to a halt in Libra, the realm of judgment, weighing the results, deciding what's fair (or vacillating in indecision over the options, such as can be the case). In the election of 2000, famous for "hanging chads" recounts, delays and general outrage, Mercury was also in a transitional state. Though, that year, the messenger was backing into a retrograde. This year, the lull comes before a movement direct. We can expect controversy this year, though it's unlikely to linger.

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Color close to silver
  - 4 Weight-bearing bone
  - 9 Latter-day cheaters
  - 13 Underwater defense
  - 15 Real creep
  - 16 Inspiration appreciation
  - 17 Garth Brooks, by birth
  - 18 Sore
  - 19 Traditional Alaskan basket material
  - 21 Sci-fi staple
  - 24 Prevent from crashing
  - 26 "Inventin' jokes \_\_\_ easy": Rocky Balboa
  - 27 "Cool" that's made a comeback
  - 30 Whom Ebert called "that twinkly professional Irishman"
  - 31 Consigns
  - 32 Bar display
  - 33 \_\_\_ style (esteemed Chinese calligraphy)
  - 34 "Truly?"
  - 36 Open divider
  - 37 End that's often clipped
  - 38 Flyspecks
  - 39 Seasonal occasions for pool diving?
  - 41 Ancient New Testament character
  - 42 Blackwood product seen on stages
  - 43 Rome's \_\_\_-Shelley Memorial House
  - 44 Sobersided
  - 47 Top Grammy-winning female artist (27, 1991-2012)
  - 49 Not buying it
  - 53 "Alpine" abodes
  - 54 Angry Birds and Bonsai Barber, categorically
  - 57 Snow the heat, maybe
  - 58 Misting
  - 59 British river named for where it starts
  - 60 "Meatballs" on a circuit diagram
  - 61 Common rack range
- DOWN**
- 1 Tender feeling
  - 2 Many a ratio
  - 3 Thrown-together attention-getter
  - 4 Get to stream, say
  - 5 In reserve
  - 6 Cost curb
  - 7 Pâtisserie article
  - 8 Kingston trios, often
  - 9 Impressively muscular, from a "puffed-up" word
  - 10 Twits
  - 11 Toronto-to-Columbus midpoint
  - 12 Marvel debut of '63
  - 13 Reign over
  - 14 They take the edge off
  - 20 Puts away childish things
  - 22 Does a hip-hop dance
  - 23 Where curlers work
  - 24 Sanskrit word for "seat"
  - 25 Medieval military governments
  - 28 Fortes
  - 29 They get stabbed with toothpicks
  - 30 Scratch
  - 31 Hold
  - 35 Two shovels for "work available," for example
  - 40 Where a bundle is won in *Rain Man*
  - 43 Submits for approval, perhaps
  - 45 Dislodges
  - 46 Top of the heap
  - 47 Horde head
  - 48 Green type
  - 50 Term akin to "rabbi"
  - 51 Name shared by an eminent astrophysicist and another "astro"-notable
  - 52 Former airt of *20Q* and *Bingo America*
  - 55 Pagan leader
  - 56 Pastime inspired by JRR Tolkien



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A side dish that's ideal for holiday dinners

The holiday season will be here soon. Delicious family-focused meals are a hallmark of the holiday season. It is helpful to have a variety of recipes at the ready to ensure that meals large and small are a success.

While the main course might get most of the attention, don't forget about the side dishes that complement and complete a meal. "Creamed Spinach With Taleggio" courtesy of "Rachael Ray 50: Memories and Meals from a Sweet and Savory Life" (Ballantine Books) by Rachael Ray is a flavorful and versatile side dish that can be paired with roasts or poultry.

Creamed Spinach With Taleggio  
Serves 8

2 pounds mature, large-leaf spinach, stemmed and coarsely chopped (3 or 4 bunches)

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
3 tablespoons butter

3 shallots, finely chopped

4 cloves garlic, chopped

1 cup heavy cream

1/8 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg or to taste

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 pound Taleggio, the rind trimmed and the cheese diced

Juice of 1/2 lemon

1/2 cup grated par-

migiano-reggiano

Line a very large strainer or colander with a large, clean kitchen towel. Fill the colander with spinach leaves and pour boiling water from a kettle over the spinach to wilt the leaves. When cool enough to handle, wrap up and twist the towel to wring out all excess liquid. Finely chop the drained spinach. (If you don't have a very large colander, you can do this in batches.) Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the EVOO, 2 turns of the pan. Then add the butter. When the butter foams, add the shallots and garlic and cook for 3 minutes, until the shallots soften. Add the cream and season with the nutmeg, salt and pepper. Melt in the Taleggio. Add the lemon juice and finish with the parmigiano-reggiano.

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# From the Desk of BSEDC Director Mark Willis Economic Development Basics

By **MARK WILLIS**

BSEDC Executive Director



More than 400 cities in Texas have an economic development organization (EDO) working to facilitate business and job growth. Many are funded by a ½ cent sales tax and all are supported by numerous other tools that have been developed within the state to facilitate economic growth. However, a lot of the citizens have little understanding of what those organizations do and how those tools work. Over the coming months I hope to write a series of articles that detail some of the workings of an economic development organization and the tools that are used, at least in Big Spring.

The science/art of economic development is multifaceted and often complex, but the core goals are simple. Ultimately the efforts of an economic development organization should result in improving the lives of the people it serves by growing total household income and by making governmental bodies more prosperous so they can potentially lower taxes, as well as provide additional and improved amenities to their citizens.

By helping existing businesses grow and attracting new companies to the area the goal is to raise total compensation for workers. The term compensation is important because it covers more than simply wages. A “primary” job should also provide benefits such as health insurance, vacation, sick pay and so on. In some cases, low paying jobs without benefits can actually cost cities, counties and school systems more than they generate in tax revenue, ultimately causing other taxpayers to subsidize those jobs. It should be noted that some of these jobs are essential to the economy as a whole, but they are created via the income generated by

the primary jobs that produce the base income that is circulated in the economy.

Therefore, new primary jobs created, retained or recruited via the efforts of the economic development program need to be tied to producing products and/or services that bring outside money into the City. To increase everyone’s share of the economic pie requires expanding the size of the pie. Studies indicate that a new dollar in a local economy will circulate at least four times before it moves out of the system, producing a multiplier effect that benefits many more than the primary wage earner.

Another thing to recognize about economic development, is that the projects resulting from “deals” are business ventures that should have a positive return on investment (ROI) to the cities, counties and other taxing entities that participate in them. Assistance offered to facilitate the creation of new employment and investment should always result in positive revenue gains over time. The quality of the projects will determine how long an entity will be willing to invest before a positive return is realized. Most in the profession will very seldom advance a project with a breakeven period exceeding 10 years. And projects worthy of that kind of timeline are few and far between.

The business of economic development involves four components:

First, as with any business, a product is required to sell to customers and determines what business an entity can compete for. The products in this case are workforce, infrastructure, available sites and the overall location of a City in relation to markets.

In the case of Big Spring, most of the revenue raised from the ½ cent economic development sales tax today is being invested in infrastructure that

improves the sites the City has to offer. Fortunately, many of these projects are nearing completion, though paying for them will take additional time, hopefully just in time for a nationwide economic resurgence as the country gets control of the pandemic.

Second, the product needs to be marketed to the customer. Big Spring, for instance, is well positioned for warehouse and distribution centers, but outside of the Permian Basin few are aware of the City, much less its advantageous location. So, part of the job of the economic development organization is to use various channels to develop that awareness and then recruit opportunities to

sell the products Big Spring has to offer.

The third component is the “deal.” This is the part of the process that often gets the most publicity because it often involves incentives. These may include a variety of local, regional and state investments or other considerations to benefit the company being recruited. Incentives are basically tiebreakers when a company has narrowed the choices down to two or three equally attractive sites, which is why most projects require confidentiality. This is where accurate calculations of return on investment (ROI) and cost benefit analysis are critical. As with any other business deals there can be winners and losers. However, for economic development projects to be ultimately successful a well-balanced agreement that produces a win/win scenario is mandatory.

Finally, measurement and follow up is critical to determine the effectiveness of the individual project and cumulatively the entire program. This allows an economic development organization to leverage the success, learn from experience and ensure that the company partner has met obligations.



## Winter crop planting ramps up in South Texas

Special to the Herald

Texas AgriLife

Cool-season crops in the Rio Grande Valley are off to a good start after plantings were delayed by rain, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Producers in the Rio Grande Valley have been busy playing catch-up on planting cool-season crops including onions, leafy greens, carrots and kale, said Juan Anciso, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist, Weslaco.

September was very wet, starting with rains generated by hurricanes and tropical storms, he said. But now, following days of sunshine and above-normal temperatures, planting operations are at full speed.

“Rains in September delayed early planting, but now planting conditions are perfect,” he said. “Plantings look to be on target.”

The planting window is critical for cool-season crops like onions, cabbage and carrots because of the time they take to mature. Onions take 160-170 days from seed to harvest, Anciso said. Cabbage takes 90-110 days, and carrots take 90-plus days for fresh market and 150-180 days for fields destined for processing.

Carrot planting typically begins in September, and cool-season crop plantings peak in October, so Anciso said conditions have given the newly planted fields a good start.

“It’s been warm, into the 90s during the day,” he said. “But a cool front is expected to put daytime temperatures in the 70s with lows in the high-50s.”

Acres for onions has declined in the last five years, from around 10,000 acres to 6,000 acres this season, Anciso said. Grower diversification has led to much of the changes.

Crops now include everything from spinach, parsley, cilantro, collard greens, okra, celery and more, he said.

“There’s not a lot of acres dedicated to any one crop like we see for other commodities, but there is a diverse range being produced,” he said. “Producers want a little bit of everything, and they are getting it.”

Crops produced in the Rio Grande Valley are destined for major hubs around the state – Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Dallas – but are also shipped throughout the Midwest to cities like St. Louis and Chicago. And some produce makes it to markets in New York.

Anciso said producers are hoping buyers don’t pull back because of financial impacts due to COVID-19, especially as demand for fresh produce has actually increased so far during the pandemic.

“We were expecting everyone might go to canned products, but it’s been the opposite,” he said. “Much of the market prices will depend on how crops in California, Florida and Mexico perform, but we are starting off on the right foot with good stands and good weather.”

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

### FAR WEST

Daytime temperatures averaged in the upper 90s, with nighttime lows in the low-40s. No precipitation was reported. Farmers dug and turned their peanuts and got them hauled to the shelling plant. Cotton producers continued to spray defoliant on fields. Harvesting began in the northern parts of the district. Some cotton producers were shredding cotton. Wheat planting was almost complete. Pecan producers and homeowners were seeing some husks opening and were hopeful for good crop quality. Rangeland and pasture conditions were dry, and livestock producers continued to monitor body condition scores in cattle, sheep and goats to develop a supplemental feeding program. Many cattle ranchers were planning to downsize their herd because there was not enough grass. Some ranchers started fall calving. Pima cotton fields were being

harvested, and more defoliation continued. Upland cotton harvest will begin very soon. Pawnee pecans were being harvested. Western Schley pecans, which is most prominent in the district, will be harvested following freezes. Some alfalfa fields that received a last watering will be cut soon. Onions were planted in certain areas with good irrigation.

### WEST CENTRAL

Very dry conditions continued. Cotton harvest was busier this week with moisture in the forecast. Not much wheat was planted due to the dry topsoil. Pastures were dry. Livestock markets were steady, and many producers were feeding supplements. Armyworms were found on early planted wheat.

### SOUTHWEST

Moisture conditions continued to decline across the district with no measurable rainfall reported. Rangeland and pasture conditions were declining. Producers will replant small-grain crops after some wet weather. Livestock were in good to fair condition, and producers continued supplemental feeding. Caldwell County reported falling calf prices with sheep and goat prices remaining steady. Wildlife were in good shape and white-tailed deer pre-rut was starting.

### SOUTH

Most of the district reported short to very short soil moisture condition; Starr and Cameron counties reported adequate soil moisture conditions. Small areas of McMullen County received significant rainfall, and Starr County reported scattered showers. Peanuts were being harvested. Many producers were cultivating land and watching the weather. Strawberry planting was in full gear. Some fall brush work was being completed where necessary. Hay was being harvested. Winter wheat pastures continued to be planted. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline. Most row-crop producers were preparing fields for winter. Beef cattle producers were using rotational grazing to allow pastures to grow and prevent having to spend on supplemental feed. Deer season was quickly approaching, and hunters were providing deer with corn and cottonseed. Stock tanks were still holding up for livestock and wildlife. Preparations were being made for pecan harvest. Vegetable crops were all harvested, and farmers were preparing the soil for next season. Coastal Bermuda grass fields were still producing some hay bales. Citrus was being harvested.



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# The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: Where People and Pet's Connect Halloween Safety for you and your furry friends

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Are you a superstitious person? Do you avoid walking under ladders for fear of bringing you bad luck? Is a black cat crossing your path a sign of bad luck? Does a broken mirror bring you seven years of bad luck? Generally, when we think of superstitions, we think of Halloween of All Hallows' Eve (All Saints' Eve) Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, the holiday observed especially with dressing in costume and trick-or-treating.

This is my favorite time of the year, even going back to the days when I was still living at home. Dressing up and going out with all my sisters, brings back fond memories of days gone by. While being away from those like-minded, hasn't stopped me from still carrying on the Halloween tradition. If you are a crazy pet owner like myself, then you know where this is going. Yep, it's time to dress up our pets and learn about Halloween safety.

As we begin to prepare for those ghosts and goblins knocking at our doors, we first want to prepare for the safety of our pets. Not every pet is as welcoming as we are to having someone dressed up - no matter how scary or innocent the costume may be. Dogs and cats alike can be frightened by strangers coming to the doors, thus causing them fear, and in some cases may even cause them to lash out and bite.

Properly containing them in a back room away from all the excitement and keeping the door closed or keeping them crated may be the safest in protecting your pets. Placing a large sign on the door that reads, "PETS ARE BEHIND THESE DOORS. CAUTION" may prevent a friend or family member from letting them escape. Don't leave pets unattended in your yard. Especially if you have and own a black cat. Unfortunately, we have people that would do harm to our fur babies and the safest thing for your pets is to keep them in this weekend. I would recommend always doing a perimeter (yard) check before letting them outside to potty. Lately we have been seeing on social media that several pets have been poisoned by food thrown in yards. Always keep proper identification on all pets, inside or outside. Have current photos of your pets - this will help in recovery if they do get away from home.

When bringing home the treats, remember to keep all Halloween candy away from pets. Candy, especially chocolate in all forms from baking to dark, can be dangerous and possibly even deadly for pets. Candies and gums with artificial sweetener, Xylitol, is also poisonous even in small amounts



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and can cause lasting health issues and death. Place any and all candies out of reach of your pets. Keep all glow sticks out



of reach of your pets also.

Be sure to keep the following numbers handy -

- Animal Poison Control Hotline: 888-426-4435
- ASPCA Pet Poison Helpline 24/7 Animal Poison Control Center: 888-213-6680 and your local emergency pet hospital number -
- VCA Greenbelt Animal Hospital and Permian Basin Emergency: 432-561-8301

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When dressing up your pets, I would advise doing it several days ahead of the first outing. Not all pets will like being dressed up, even if it's in a winter sweater. Know your pet's habits and if dressing your pet up causes them stress, then it looks like you'll have to be the only one dressing up. Never leave your pet unsupervised in a costume. You don't want them chewing it up and possibly swallowing parts of the costume. I like to start out mine when they are young if I have the opportunity. Being patient with them and reading their body language tell me whether or not this will be a go.

There are so many fun activities that you can do with your pets around this time of the year. With my therapy dogs, we would have matching costumes and would go out to the VA Hospital and local nursing homes. Over the years, I have entered pet costume contests which are a lot of fun. Just a couple of years ago, Little Bit, Salem, and I entered a fun walk fundraiser in Coahoma and we all were dressed in costume. Spending time and keeping your pets engaged is not only a great way to spend time with them, but encourages a much stronger bond between pet and pet parent.

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