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Commissioner Garcia recognized by Howard County Commissioners

By **IRIS RANGEL**
 Herald Staff Writer

County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon to conduct appreciation for former County Commissioner Oscar Garcia and appoint newly elected County Commissioner Eddilisa Saldivar. Discussion was also held over the purchase of Main Street Pocket Park.

Commissioners took a moment for citizen input after prayer and pledge to begin the meeting. With no input being made, Commissioners began the presentation of appreciation for Commissioner Oscar Garcia. Late Commissioner Garcia served Howard County for several years and was intended to finish his term this month. Judge Kathryn Wiseman provided Garcia's wife with a commemorate plaque in honor of late Commissioner Garcia's efforts.

"In appreciation of Oscar Garcia for his dedicated service to the people of Howard County. We will miss him. He will truly be missed," Judge Wiseman said.

After the appreciation presentation, Commissioners then moved to appoint Eddilisa Saldivar as County Commissioner for Precinct 1. According to the Court, Saldivar has



HERALD photo/Iris Rangel

Howard County Commissioners took a moment to honor the late Oscar Garcia, Commissioner for Pct. 1 during the Monday meeting, before swearing in newly elected Saldivar as Commissioner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Craig Bailey to approve the purchase of the park and was seconded by Commissioner John Cline. The motion passed unanimously.

Other agenda items approved and discussed during the meeting included:

- Approval of inter-local agreement-regional public defender for capital cases

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not yet been bonded therefore cannot serve or participate in meetings until her bond is completed.

"We cannot let you participate until you get your bond, but we'd still like you to sit up here with us," Wiseman said.

With the appointment of newly elected Commissioner Saldivar, Commissioners then discussed the purchase of Main Street Pocket Park. Discussion was held last meeting over the purchase, however, more details were needed in order to make a final decision. According to Commissioner Jimmie Long, the purchase of the Pocket Park would cost \$27,000.

Bulldog Steel & Metal Solutions gathers and give thanks at 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Feast

By **IRIS RANGEL**
 Herald Staff Writer

Bulldog Steel & Metal Solutions is hosting their 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Feast on Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend and receive a plate of home cooked, traditional Thanksgiving food. Bulldog Steel & Metal Solutions is located at 9702 S. Service Road in Big Spring.



Courtesy image

"We are excited to gather and bring fellowship within the community. People need fellowship and community support... we need each other. We hope everyone comes out and sees us. As long as we have community support, we will continue this tradition,"

Bulldog Steel and Metal Solutions will be hosting the 2nd annual Thanksgiving Feast for the community. All are invited to drive through and grab a meal.

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Prosperity Bank demolition, new building coming 2021



HERALD photo/Iris Rangel

Prosperity Bank has been operating out of portable buildings for the past several months. Last week demolition of the previous bank building took place in preparation for new construction as Prosperity Bank looks to update the facility with a new build.

Protecting our community's future: How COVID-19 affected the Big Spring, Howard County youth

Special to the Herald
 SMMG Pediatrics

We live in a very difficult time in our history that is very unprecedented and uncharted. There are not many living who have lived through a pandemic that has impacted our lives here in the United States. "We have lived through school closures, our parents have lost jobs due to closures of many businesses, the main one being Oil and Gas companies," Joseph Chavez, M.D., said.

As the pandemic continues and seems to be getting worse, depression and anxiety are two major problems that are rising not only in adults, but adolescents as well.

Childhood depression and anxiety is different from the normal "blues" and

emotions that most people feel. If feelings of sadness, loneliness, anxiousness do not go away and begin to interfere with daily activities such as schoolwork, family time and with sleep and appetite, this may indicate that there is a depressive illness at play.

"Parents need to keep in mind that depression is a very serious illness that could lead to suicide if it is not treated," Alyx Woodward, FNP, said. "Symptoms of depression in children and teens vary. It can often go undiagnosed or untreated."

According to Woodward and Chavez,



Dr. Joseph Chavez
 SMMG
 Pediatrician

a few of the symptoms for parents to watch for include:

- Overly irritable and angry
- Persistent feeling of sadness and hopelessness
- Social withdrawal
- Changes in appetite (increased or decreased)
- Increased sensitivity to rejection
- Thoughts of homicide or suicide
- Self-harm
- Difficulty concentrating
- Vocal outbursts or crying
- Physical complaints such as recurrent stomach aches that do not respond to treatment.

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Obituaries

Ramona Harris

Ramona Harris passed on Friday Nov. 20, 2020, in her home surrounded by her loved ones at the age of 92. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, at The Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Ramona Mae Weaver was born July 31, 1928, to Cassius Clay Marcellus Weaver and Ethel Mae Melton Weaver in Quail, Texas. She was the fourth of eight children born to the Weavers. Her family moved to Big Spring in 1934. She attended school in the Moore Community and then in Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1946, which was the old Runnels building she loved dearly. She then enrolled in TCU Harris School of Nursing in Ft. Worth, Texas where she graduated with a Diploma in Nursing in 1949. It was during this time she and Gerald Harris began their love story. She and Gerald married on Nov. 23, 1949. They have four children Lee, wife Laurie, Clay, wife Mickie, Leslie Williams and Matthew Harris.

Ramona worked as an RN for the Big Spring State Hospital and Hall Bennett Hospital. She later went to work as an instructor at Howard College in the LVN program, eventually becoming the director of the program. She taught many nurses over the years and loved her career. Besides teaching nursing, Ra-

mona was famous for teaching her grandchildren to drive.

Ramona was extremely competitive. She played duplicate bridge with her life long best friend Betty Smith for years. Ramona and Gerald also played golf together and played in many tournaments throughout Texas and New Mexico. She loved golf so much and encouraged her grandchildren to love the game and helped them get started playing.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church for over 80 years and was a member of the Philathea Bible Class. She and Gerald loved the Big Bend Area and spent time in Alpine where she enjoyed their second home.

Ramona was an extraordinary person. She was a wonderful wife to Gerald, the best Mother, Grandmother and great Grandmother that God gave this world. She was a huge fan of her entire family and extended family, Big Spring, Texas, the Big Spring Steers and the Dallas Cowboys.

Ramona is survived by her husband of 71 years, Gerald, her four children, 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, sisters Sonia Lusk, Mary Jane Phillips, brother Marcellus "Boosie" Weaver. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Aubrey, R. H., and James Weaver, her sister Helen Chapman and an infant great grandson Gerald Lee Harris IV, one niece and one nephew.

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

Paid Obituary

Loy D. Ditto

Loy D. Ditto, 78 of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020. He will be in state from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, and again on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to Noon at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Due to the current pandemic, masks and social distancing are required. A private grave side service will be held.

Loy was born May 14, 1942, to Guy and Edna Ditto in China Spring, Texas. He married Dorothy "Dot" Drewery Jan. 15, 1993, and they were happily married for 26 years. Dot was the love of his life and his soul mate. Loy became a Christian at age 50, and they enjoyed their Christian walk together at Midway Baptist Church.

He grew up and attended school in Knott, Texas. Knott and Ackerly schools consolidated Loy's senior year, and his class was the first graduates from Ackerly High School after consolidation. He served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1962 and was stationed in Germany. He was an employee of Cosden Refinery for thirty-five years as an electrician, retiring in 2001. Loy never met a stranger and was

always willing to help anyone. He had an infectious laugh and was a great story teller. Loy loved all his family, and his grandkids thought he hung the moon.

He is survived by his wife, Dot of Big Spring; five children, Dawn Ditto of Temple, Danny Ditto and wife, Taylor of San Antonio, Billy Grandon and wife, Kay of Ransom Canyon, Texas, Deon Grandon and wife, Tammie of Ferris and Steve Grandon and wife, Rhonda of Rio Vista; thirteen grandchildren, Ava, Scarlett, Zachary, Krisha, Tiffany, Phillip, William, Karah, Aaron, Keely, Colton, Canaan and Reed; six great-grandchildren and one brother, Edwin Ditto of Kermit.

Loy was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Jimmy Dale Ditto, Darrell Ditto and Alton Ditto; one sister, Wanda Foster; and one son Brad Grandon.

The family suggests memorials to Midway Baptist Church, 6200 S. Service Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

Benny Allen Lockhart

Benny Allen Lockhart, 81, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Nov. 21, 2020, at his home.

Ben was born to Carl and Lucille Barber Lockhart in Feb. 1939. He married the love of his life, Sandee McKinney, on March 14, 1970. They had 50 loving years together.

He lived an extraordinary life surrounded by people who respected and adored him. He touched numerous lives as a DPS Trooper for 22 years and as Howard County Judge for 16 years. Known to many as "Gentle Ben" or "The Judge",

his favorite thing to be called was "Peep" by his long-awaited grandkids. He often joked that he would not live long enough to see grandkids. The joke was on him when he was blessed with twin grandkids in August 2012. He was also proud of his bonus grandsons, Randy Paige Jr and Nick Paige.

We miss him terribly but rejoice that he is whole again. We find comfort in knowing that we will see those sparkling blue eyes again someday. And, that he is reminiscing with his fishing buddies and family. He was an incredible husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He taught so many lessons in life and left an amazing legacy that will carry on.

Ben is survived by his beautiful wife Sandee. His daughter Kelly Paige and husband Randy Sr. of Big Spring, TX, one brother, Jimmy Lockhart and wife Wanda of Big Spring, TX. Four grandchildren Randy Jr., Nicholas, Kylee and Kade Paige. Also, several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Lucille Lockhart, three brothers Tom, Don and Gene, and sister, Sue Mize.

A memorial service will be scheduled for some time in the Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

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Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DOMINGA SANDY SHEIKH**, 38, of 105 N. 5th, Coahoma, Texas, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and theft of service (less than \$100).
- **HAITHAM ABDULLAH ALGHERAIBI**, 26, of 901 E. FM 700, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DILLAN RAY MURPHY**, 21, of 4425 82nd Street, was arrested on a charge of warrant – other agency.
- **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES**, 33, of 512 N. Tubb Road, was arrested on charges of burglary building and forgery financial instrument.
- **TORREY DANIELLE BAUM**, 34, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested on a charge of manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).

• **TERESA LORENE LANG**, 38, of 2912 Cherokee Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ERNESTO VASQUEZ**, 31, of 809 E. 16th Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT** was reported in the 100 block of S. Main Street.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 E. 16th Street.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 507 E. 3rd Street: 100 block NW 4th Street.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of S. Benton Street.

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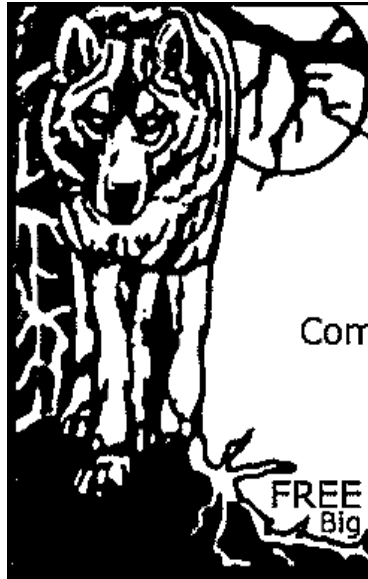
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COUNTY

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- County Treasurer personnel considerations and monthly report for October
- County Auditor invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments
- Acceptance of donation from SM Energy Co. in the amount of \$12,458 in efforts towards road and bridge funding.
- Contracting/going out for bids for RFB2020008 CR 35 PII, RFB2021002 Inverted Prime, RFB

2020009 CR 48 GRH and RFB 2020010 CR 15 GRH

- Presentation of proposed 2021 sealcoat locations and roadway maintenance update
- Right of way and utility easement- the City of Big Spring; Discussion was held on a requirement for the city of Big Spring to fund a chainlink fence around the easement in order for the county to approve the item, however, there was discussion between Commissioners and City officials noting the city did not currently have the funds for a chain-

link fence. Due to this, Commissioner Cline moved to table the item and was seconded by Commissioner Bailey.

- Nominate individual to Tax Appraisal Board; Commissioner Bailey noted his renomination of Dwayne Fox and Commissioner Long nominated Mike Dawson for the position in a unanimous vote.

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Police, Sheriff reports Cont.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 2100 block of S. Gregg Street. The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity: Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 89 inmates at the time of this report.
- **HAITHAM ABDULLAH ALGHERAIBI**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BOYCE MICHAEL ARCHER-PAUCHET**, 64, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of sexual assault child.
- **TORREY DANNIELLE HOLDMAN BAUM**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).
- **SAUL EMMANUEL CANTU JR.**, 27, was arrested by DPS on charges of manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams), tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent, possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and display expired registration (x2).
- **DEJA ALIAH FRANCO**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear, fail to identify fugitive intent give false information, and evading arrest detention.
- **ASHLEY DANNEE-NICOLE GONAZALES**, 17, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention with vehicle or watercraft.

- **AUSTIN DERROLD HUNT**, 25, was arrested by HCSO on charges of no driver license when unlicensed (x2), failure to maintain financial responsibility (x2), and failure to appear.
- **JOHNNY LEE JUAREZ JR.**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention and fail to identify fugitive intent give false information.
- **TERESA LORENE LANG**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **EDWIN LEE MATTHEWS**, 58, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd.
- **DILLAN MURPHY**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury.
- **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on charges of forgery financial instrument and burglary of building.
- **SANDY SHEIKH**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and theft of service (less than \$100).
- **ERNESTO VASQUEZ**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSHUA DYLAN WHITEMAN**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawful carry handgun license holder if at trail.

MEAL

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Bulldog Steel & Metal Solutions' Stormy Bradley said. "Please come out and help us kick off this holiday season with a delicious meal and great company in the spirit of Thanksgiving."

Guests are welcomed to attend the dine-in event and enjoy a Thanksgiving feasts courtesy of Bulldog Steel & Metal Solutions. If guests are unable to stay and eat, there will also be other options available such as calling ahead and placing an order for pickup or following signs towards the drive-thru in the bay and carrying out their meal as well.

Sanitation measures will be followed, including masks, by Bulldog Steel & Metal volunteers and social distancing is encouraged.

If you are interested in calling ahead for your Thanksgiving plate, contact Bulldog Steel & Metal at 432-606-5092.

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YOUTH

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"Now you may ask yourself, what do I do as a parent if I think my child is depressed? One of the best things a parent can do is to somehow get your child or adolescent to talk about his or her feelings about home or and/or school," Chavez said.

Woodward added, "A key factor in identifying anxiety and/or depression in your child is to have an open communication with your child. This is not always easy and sometimes takes time."

Once a parent or guardian has identified the possibility of a problem, the next step is talking to your child's doctor.

"There can be underlying medical problems that can cause depression that are treatable. If your child is having thoughts of suicide, the first step is making sure that they are not left alone and to call 911 and/or the crisis hotline," Woodward said.

Dr. Chavez added, "As Americans most of us have the advantage of staying connected with computers and/or smartphones via FaceTime, Zoom, social media and even good old fashioned phone conversations."

In the beginning of the pandemic, school closures opened the door to recognizing the importance of the need for some form of human interaction, and that isolation is not the answer.

"We have to stay together and talk to one another." Dr. Chavez said. "We also believe that finding a hobby such as art, reading, music, dance, and even participation in sports can be beneficial in maintaining our youth's mental health. As healthcare providers, we all understand that this a very trying time. With no clear end in sight to this pandemic, which has caused such much destruction, it is im-

portant to realize that having thoughts of loneliness, anxiety, and depression is very common. It is also important to know that you are not alone and that there is help."

Chavez and Woodward encourage parents to talk to their child and get him or her to communicate with you about these bad feelings. Reaching out for help is important and is part of the process.

"All you have to do is pick up the phone and make an appointment to talk with your doctor," Dr. Chavez said. "We as a community need to look out for one another and support each other during these very troubling times. As families are forced to live through an unknown future of a worldwide pandemic, we need to not only take care of our children but ourselves as well."

Woodward added, "If we can learn to start recognizing and treating depression now and teach our children how to deal with all these negative self-defeating thoughts and self-doubt, we can help our youth navigate through autonomy and independence in the years to come, and just maybe help ourselves in the process."

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Gregory Phillippe, 71, died Tuesday. Burial will be at The Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Bobby Driver, 89, died Monday. Services will be at a later date.

Lydia Jojola, 74, died Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Wednesday and the family will receive friends from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Trudy Louise Sherril, 58, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday, November 27, 2020. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel

Maria Diaz.77 died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Joyce Carroll, 85, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Adolfo DeLeon, Jr. 86, died Sunday November 22, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tina White, 62, of Big Spring died Monday, 23, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

It's Turkey Time!

Safety Tips For Cooking Turkey

- Make sure the turkey is thawed and dry before cooking.
- Keep outdoor fryers off decks, out of garages & away from any objects.
- Opt for an oil-less fryer with infrared heat.
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USDA shares easy at-home advice for handling food safely this Thanksgiving

Special to the Herald

This week, Americans will enjoy a delicious meal on Thanksgiving Day with family and friends – either in person or virtually. Taking the necessary steps toward safe food handling and sanitation will help protect you and your loved ones this year. To make sure your Thanksgiving meal is prepared safely, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is offering food safety advice to reduce foodborne illness, including on Thanksgiving Day.

“Our data shows that consumers can reduce their likelihood of foodborne illness by focusing on good hand hygiene and other food safety practices,” said Dr. Mindy Brashears, USDA’s Under Secretary for Food Safety. “As home chefs nationwide prepare their Thanksgiving meals, proper handwashing and avoiding cross contamination in the kitchen are critical to keeping your loved ones safe.”

Wash Your Hands

The first step to safe food preparation is to clean. In recent USDA observational research, participants did not even attempt to wash their hands, or did not wash their hands sufficiently about 95 percent of the time before and during meal preparation.

Handwashing is recommended to control the spread of germs, especially before, during and after preparing food (especially after touching raw meat or poultry).

Thawing the Turkey

Frozen turkeys should never be thawed on the counter or in hot water and must not be left at room temperature for more than two hours. The best method to thaw the turkey is in the refrigerator since this allows slow, safe thawing. When thawing turkey in the refrigerator, allow about 24 hours for every five pounds of turkey. Once thawed, it can remain safe in the fridge for one to two days. Other safe thawing methods include a cold-water bath or the microwave. If you use either of these thawing methods, you should cook the turkey immediately after it is thawed. If using the cold-water method, allow 30 minutes per pound, and submerge the turkey in its original wrapping to avoid cross-contamination. If thawing in the microwave, make sure to

follow the manufacturer’s instructions when defrosting the turkey.

Avoid Cross-Contamination

In a recent study, USDA found 60 percent of kitchen sinks were contaminated with germs after participants washed or rinsed poultry. To avoid this cross-contamination risk, do not wash your turkey. But if you do wash your turkey or put your turkey in the sink, you need to fully clean and sanitize your sink. Cleaning and sanitizing is a two-step process. To clean, rub down surfaces – including the sink, cutting boards, and counter tops – with soap and hot water, and then sanitize them with a cleaning solution to remove any residual germs you cannot see. You can use a homemade solution of one tablespoon of unscented, liquid chlorine bleach in one gallon of water. Let air dry.

Do Not Stuff the Turkey

Although many choose to stuff the turkey, USDA does not recommend doing so for optimal safety. Instead, cook stuffing outside of the turkey cavity to reduce cross-contamination risk. This will also allow your turkey to cook more quickly.

Cooking to the Safe Temperature

A whole turkey is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit as measured by a food thermometer in three parts: the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing, and the innermost part of the thigh. Even if the turkey has a pop-up temperature indicator, you should still use a food thermometer to check that the bird has reached at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit in those three places. If you are planning to cook a turkey breast instead of a whole turkey, check the temperature with the food thermometer (165 degrees Fahrenheit) at the thickest part the breast. All previously cooked side dishes should be re-

heated to 165 degrees Fahrenheit as measured by a food thermometer as well.

The Two-Hour Rule

To make sure food stays safe to eat through the weekend, all perishable items should be refrigerated within two hours of when they finished cooking. After two hours, perishable food will be in the Danger Zone (40 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit) too long, which is when bacteria can multiply quickly and cause the food to become unsafe. If foods have been left out for more than two hours they should be discarded.

Store and Reheat Leftovers

Store leftovers in small, shallow containers in the refrigerator until the Monday after Thanksgiving Day or in the freezer for later use. Shallow containers help cool leftovers more quickly than storing them in large containers. Reheat leftovers to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Check the internal temperature of the food in several places with a food thermometer after allowing a resting time.

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Big Spring Steers dominate the hardwood Monday afternoon against Lamesa



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Tyree Brawley fights off a close defender in Monday's big win over Lamesa.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Showtime Steers bounced back from their season-opening loss to Brownfield with a 100-67 statement win over Lamesa at home on Monday afternoon.

Kyler Seymore led the Steers with a 41-point double-double while starting point guard Chris Martinez added 25 points of his own. Overall, Big Spring

could not be stopped on the offensive side of the ball all-game long and they cruised to a 33-point victory over a Lamesa team that entered the day with a 2-0 record.

Big Spring was playing their first game with a full Varsity roster following the conclusion of the Steers' season on the gridiron last Friday night. The extra players helped tremendously on Monday and the depth that Head Coach Kris Hise has this season appears as though it could emerge as the strength of the squad.

"Getting out extra guys definitely helps effort-wise," Hise said. "It allows us to do what we want to do and it's always good to have numbers."

Big Spring played very aggressively throughout the course of the game and forced Lamesa into countless turnovers. The Steers were able to step into passing lanes, get their hands on loose balls, and take it right from their opponent as everything seemed to be working for Big Spring defensively.

Seymore and Martinez did not only lead the Showtime Steers in points, but in steals as well. The duo combined for 12 steals and Big Spring had over 20 total as a team.

Only one player scored in double digits for the

Golden Tornadoes while Big Spring poured it on with several different lineups that all seemed to know just how to attack the Lamesa defenders.

Alex Leuschner provided a steady presence down low and scored six points while also grabbing six rebounds. Gavin Greathouse led the Steers from the free throw line with six points from the charity stripe. Both Isaiah Holloway and Kaegen Mitchell brought intensity to the floor and their energy will help Big Spring step up in tough situations they may face later this season.

"Since I've been here, this is the most athletic and highest intensity team that we've had," Hise said.

The work does not stop even after dropping 100 points in the first game of a full roster. Hise knows his team will need to string performances like this together in order to achieve the goal of a district title.

"We just have to continue to improve. We have some teams in our district that could do this to us too. So we just need to keep working," Hise said.

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Lady Steers lose to No. 1 Shallowater 81-21 on Monday afternoon



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Tristan Smith brings up the ball.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Big Spring is not afraid to schedule any opponent. They showed that during a Thanksgiving week showdown on Monday afternoon against the defending 3A State Champion Shallowater Lady Mustangs.

The Lady Steers were unable to get anything going against the top-ranked team and lost by 60 points (81-21) following four turbulent quarters of basketball. Even though Shallowater is one of the top teams in the state, the Lady Steers need to play better complementary team basketball in order to execute to their full potential.

"They're a very talented group of ladies that are coached by an amazing guy," Head Coach Eric Tuttle said. "It was good for us to see that kind of pressure because we'll have district teams that are going to press us. It's good to see that early so that we can get used to it."

Mya Blanco led the Lady Steers with six points on two made three-point shots. She converted both of those in the first half and Ryen Terrazas (four points) was the only other Lady Steer player to convert multiple baskets.

Shallowater jumped out to a 20-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and they were leading 39-11 at half-time. The Lady Mustangs were making things very difficult on the Lady Steers with their full-time full-court press defensive philosophy and Big Spring seemed to hardly get any shots off in the first half.

After not making any three's the last time they took the court, three of the four made shots for the Lady Steers in the first half of Monday's game were from beyond the arc. But in sharp contrast to the last time they took the court, turnovers were a huge issue for Big Spring and Shallowater was able to take advantage.

The second half was not much kinder to the Lady Steers and they were out-scored 42-10 through the final two quarters. Four Shallowater players were able to finish the game having notched double-digit points scored as their championship-level depth was put on display. Lady Mustang shooters were knocking down a plethora of different shots and they were just as talented on the low block as they were from deep.

So, what does scheduling tough opponents like Shallowater do for Tuttle's team?

"You have to schedule some teams that are very talented. It gets us prepared so that when we're in district, it's easier to move the ball, get the offense going and get it going at a higher level," Tuttle said.

Big Spring did not appear to

back down from their competition at any point on Monday, but instead the Lady Mustangs were just able to execute their well-established gameplan to a much higher degree. The Lady Steers are still learning a new system and style of play under Tuttle and after five games they have had their fair share of ups-and-downs.

Look for the Lady Steers to keep building on their past performances as the season moves along. These early-season games against tough opponents will help Big Spring compete at a higher level once the district schedule rolls around.

Big Spring (2-3) is now in the midst of a three-game losing streak that

they will be attempting to snap with a quick turnaround against a strong 6A San Angelo Central squad on Tuesday afternoon.

"We're going to work hard," Tuttle said. "We have one more day before the break to get better and we're going to leave it all on the court on Tuesday."

UP NEXT: Big Spring will host San Angelo Central at Steer Gym on Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 p.m.

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NFL SCHEDULE

WEEK ELEVEN THURSDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Arizona Cardinals (6-4)	@ Seattle Seahawks (7-3)	28-21, Seahawks

SUNDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
New England Patriots (4-6)	@ Houston Texans (3-7)	27-20, Texans
Philadelphia Eagles (3-6-1)	@ Cleveland Browns (7-3)	22-17, Browns
Atlanta Falcons (3-7)	@ New Orleans Saints (8-2)	24-9, Saints
Cincinnati Bengals (2-7-1)	@ Washington (3-7)	20-9, Washington
Detroit Lions (4-6)	@ Carolina Panthers (4-7)	20-0, Panthers
Pittsburgh Steelers (10-0)	@ Jacksonville Jaguars (1-9)	27-3, Steelers
Tennessee Titans (7-3)	@ Baltimore Ravens (6-4)	30-24, Titans (OT)
Miami Dolphins (6-4)	@ Denver Broncos (4-6)	20-13, Broncos
New York Jets (0-10)	@ Los Angeles Chargers (3-7)	34-28, Chargers
Green Bay Packers (7-3)	@ Indianapolis Colts (7-3)	34-31, Colts (OT)
Dallas Cowboys (3-7)	@ Minnesota Vikings (4-6)	31-28, Cowboys
Kansas City Chiefs (8-1)	@ Las Vegas Raiders (6-3)	35-31, Chiefs

MONDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Final Score
Los Angeles Rams (7-3)	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-4)	27-24, Rams

Forsan Lady Buffs roll over Midland Classical on Saturday, Buffs lose 47-39

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

On a road trip to Midland over the weekend, the Forsan Lady Buffs were able to dominate Midland Classical 58-12.

Forsan controlled the game from the opening tip on Saturday afternoon and were able to continue the hot start to the season as they moved to 3-0. Kaeli Woodall led the Lady Buffs with 24 points and nine total Forsan players were able to record at least one point. Senior point guard Rylee Evans scored eight points in the first quarter but switched her role to facilitating the offense for the remainder of the game after Forsan jumped out to a big lead early.

The Lady Buffs' defense locked down Midland Classical for the entire four quarters over the weekend and built up a 33-4 lead at halftime. The Lady Knights were able to double their scoring total in the second half but were no match for Forsan's depth and versatility. In total, four of Midland Classical's 12 points came from the free throw line.

The Forsan Lady Buff JV also handily won their game (23-5).

Following the Lady Buffs, the Forsan boys team was unable to get much going offensively and fell to a strong Midland Classical squad 49-37. The JV also lost their game (32-28) and the Buffaloes will look to regroup over the Thanksgiving break before taking to the hardwood next Tuesday against Reagan County for their second game of the season.

UP NEXT: The Lady Buffs will be taking the week off before returning back to the court on Dec. 1 on the road against the Reagan County Lady Owls at 6:30 p.m. The Buffaloes will play the Owls immediately following the conclusion of the girls' game.

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NCAA Football AP Top 25 (Week 13)

Ranking	Team	Overall	Points	Prev
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2	Notre Dame	8-0	1,471	2
3	Ohio State	4-0	1,440	3
4	Clemson	7-1	1,358	4
5	Texas A&M	5-1	1,249	5
6	Florida	6-1	1,223	6
7	Cincinnati	8-0	1,201	7
8	BYU	9-0	1,109	8
9	Oregon	3-0	951	11
10	Miami (FL)	7-1	936	12
11	Northwestern	5-0	922	19
12	Indiana	4-1	899	9
13	Georgia	5-2	828	13
14	Oklahoma	6-2	693	18
15	Iowa State	6-2	658	17
16	Coastal Carolina	8-0	622	15
17	Marshall	7-0	542	15
18	Wisconsin	2-1	540	10
19	USC	3-0	461	20
20	Texas	5-2	321	22
21	Oklahoma State	5-2	289	14
22	Auburn	5-2	259	23
23	Louisiana	7-1	218	24
24	Tulsa	5-1	164	25
25	North Carolina	6-2	108	NR

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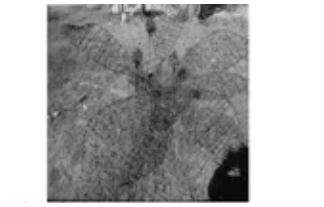
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Inexorable logic

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠K Q 5 2	♥A K J 10 4	♠A	♥9 8 6 3
♦4 2	♣A 4	♥9 8 6 3	♦A 9 6
WEST	EAST	♠K Q 9 8 3	
♠J 10 6	♠A		
♥Q 7	♥9 8 6 3		
♦J 10 8 7 5 3	♦A 9 6		
♣J 6	♠K Q 9 8 3		
SOUTH		WEST	
♠9 8 7 4 3	♥5 2	♠9 8 7 4 3	♥5 2
♥5 2	♦K Q	♦K Q	♦K Q
♦K Q	♠10 7 5 2	♠10 7 5 2	♠10 7 5 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
2♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Occasionally, declarer may encounter a paradoxical situation where he finds he must reject a normal line of play in favor of one that appears to have far less chance of succeeding. The reason usually lies in his realization that the contract can be made only if the cards are divided in a certain way, even if this means going against the odds.

An excellent illustration is provided in this deal, played by Agustín Santamarina of Argentina at the 1986 world team championship. Santamarina wound up in four spades after

East had opened two clubs, showing a hand of minimum opening strength containing five or more clubs.

Declarer won the opening club lead with dummy's ace and returned a low diamond toward his hand. East rose with the ace, cashed the queen of clubs, and exited with a diamond to South's king.

Santamarina now led a low spade and, after West followed with the six, played dummy's deuce! East won the trick with his singleton ace, but the defenders were then helpless. Regardless of East's return, dummy's K-Q of spades would take care of West's J-10, after which declarer had the rest of the tricks.

Santamarina had good reasons for handling the trump suit as he did. His rationale was as follows:

1. East has to have the ace of spades for his opening bid.
2. If East has three spades, two trump losers cannot be avoided.
3. If the spades are divided 2-2 and East has the A-J or A-10, the contract also is doomed. This is because East, after taking the king or queen with ace, can return a club that West will ruff with the ten or jack, forcing dummy to overruff. East's remaining spade honor would then become the setting trick.
4. The only hope, therefore, is that East has the singleton ace. Santamarina simply followed the dictates of his reasoning, and wound up gaining 12 IMPs for his team.

Tomorrow: The right medicine.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS "wor-



shipping" something accidentally, you'll be empowered to change that.

Cosmic Protection Against Gutterballs

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Saying "no" will be more important than saying "yes." This "no" will clarify the sacrifice you're willing to make in order to have what you want and be who you aspire to being.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're used to people thinking you're amazing at something because you are. You're also afraid that if they knew how terrible you were at other things, then it would detract from your reputation. That's the part you're wrong about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have a strong desire to learn, and it only gets stronger when you have an excellent teacher, an enticing model and an exceptional method. All will be made available to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's wonderful to get your way immediately, but even more wonderful to get your way eventually, as the anticipation makes winning all the sweeter and gives you the sense that you've earned the reward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't know what's in another person's mind. However, if they keep showing up for you, then that's a good indication that you figure strongly in their thoughts. This is an honor you won't take for granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The newborn baby doesn't cry out of

weakness; the opposite is true. The crying announces life in all its glorious pain. Whatever emotion you feel, accept and embody it as the natural gift it is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have to ask what's in it for you. Otherwise, you'll be living and giving at half-capacity. When you know you're getting what you want from an exchange, it will be easier for you to commit to delivering wholeheartedly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Whether you signed up for it or not, you're a role model. It's not always fun knowing that people are watching and likely to copy what you do, but it does inspire you to make the best choices you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're always happier when you have outlets for your creativity. This time, you won't have to go looking because the project finds you. Tonight, you'll be rewarded for what you did ages ago.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Thoughts can be a kind of worship. To think of a thing is to pay homage to it. Repeated thoughts are veneration. If you are

COSMIC QUESTION: "What is the best way to start a gratitude practice? I have read that it makes people happier. I could stand more happiness! But every time I start this, the habit never sticks. Maybe I'm just an ingrate. Can you help this ungrateful Capricorn?"

Nothing feeds the soul like gratitude. And yet, modern emphasis on the concept has taken it to a cliched place where gratitude can feel more like an obligation and a chore than the wellspring of joy that self-help gurus purport it to be. A task representing gratitude, such as writing a thank-you note or expressing verbal appreciation to someone who helped you, is often laced up in expectation about saying the right thing in the right way -- hitting a note that will go over well with the other person. It can become an uncomfortable exercise in social skills rather than a source of uplift.

One reason for gratitude's burdensome turn may be that many times the things we are expected to be grateful for are not things we actually enjoy. Asking ourselves to be grateful for them is akin to asking ourselves to fake emotions. Not everyone has natural acting talent. More on this tomorrow.

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3	9		5	8	4		2
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

Annie's Mailbox

Responsible Tech

Dear Annie: My husband and I have two teenage children, and both of us work out of the home. We try hard to be engaged in our children's lives and be aware of everything they're doing. As working parents, it's not easy, but we try hard.

As our children have become teenagers, we've noticed them becoming increasingly more addicted to their phones. We've set all types of guard rails around screen time, acceptable apps and taking their phones into their bedrooms. They listened much better when they first received their phones. Lately, they've been exploiting every opportunity to abuse the rules.

My husband and I have tried to crack down, but we're just not able to constantly be alert. We know it's important to crack down,

so I wanted to reach out and see if you have any advice. Thank you. -- Confused About Cellphones

Dear Cellphones: First, I applaud you for your focus on this issue. Since you both work, it makes sense for your kids to have cellphones so you can communicate with them as needed. However, screen time can be a serious issue that impacts social development, communication skills, schoolwork and many other important areas. Other issues including cyberbullying can arise as well.

You and your husband should begin by staying firm on your rules for cellphone use. Also, there should be no cellphones in their bedrooms, particularly at night, or at the dining table. In fact, phones should be silenced or turned off during meals. Put parental controls and locks on

apps when possible, and maintain the right to conduct random searches of their call log, email and apps. Have your children sign a contract that enforces escalating punishment, such as a 24-hour period without their phone for the first infraction, 48 hours for the second, 72 hours for the third, etc.

You may do all this in a positive way. Let them know that you are going to give them independence to use their phones but hold them accountable to using them in a mature and thoughtful way. Have a conversation about cyberbullying, phone etiquette and the dangers of posting or sending messages without understanding long-term implications. Encourage your children to communicate openly with you about any issues they may have or anything that is making them uncomfortable. Good luck!

Dear Annie: My only child, "Frank," died unexpectedly on July 14, 2019. He was 34 years old. I want to tell all parents who worry that they don't get to see their adult children often enough to appreciate each moment with their happy and healthy children. The pain of losing a child will never go away or ease. So, even though you may not see them as often as you want, treasure each moment. -- Still Hurting

Dear Still Hurting: I can feel the -- very understandable -- pain in your letter and am so very sorry you lost your son. You highlight an important message: Be grateful for each day, and each day spent with a loved one. Life is a gift to be treasured.

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

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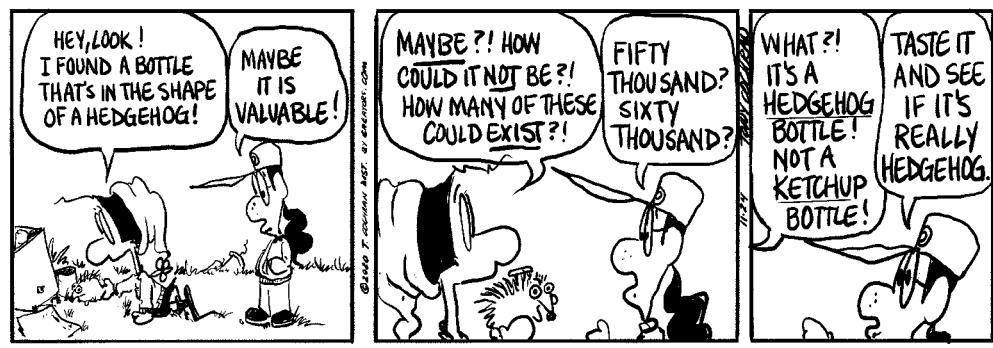
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 24, the 329th day of 2020. There are 37 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 24, 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection.

On this date:

In 1865, Mississippi became the first Southern state to enact laws which came to be known as "Black Codes" aimed at limiting the rights of newly freed Blacks; other states of the former Confederacy soon followed.

In 1947, a group of writers, producers and directors that became known as the "Hollywood Ten" was cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about alleged Communist influence in the movie industry. John Steinbeck's novel "The Pearl" was first published.

In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

In 1971, a hijacker calling himself "Dan Cooper" (but who became popularly known as "D.B. Cooper") parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over the Pacific Northwest after receiving \$200,000 in ransom; his fate remains unknown.

In 1974, the bone fragments of a 3.2 million-year-old hominid were discovered by scientists in Ethiopia; the skeletal remains were nicknamed "Lucy."

In 1985, the hijacking of an Egyptian jetliner parked on the ground in Malta ended violently as Egyptian commandos stormed the plane. Fifty-eight people died in the raid, in addition to two others killed by the hijackers.

In 1987, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed on terms to scrap shorter- and medium-range missiles. (The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty was signed by President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev the following month.)

In 1991, rock singer Freddie Mercury died in London at age 45 of AIDS-related pneumonia. In 1995, voters in Ireland narrowly approved a constitutional amendment legalizing divorce. In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court stepped into the bitter,

overtime struggle for the White House, agreeing to consider George W. Bush's appeal against the hand recounting of ballots in Florida.

In 2014, it was announced that a grand jury in St. Louis County, Missouri, had decided against indicting Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown; the decision enraged protesters who set fire to buildings and cars and looted businesses in the area where Brown had been fatally shot.

In 2017, militants attacked a crowded mosque in Egypt with gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades, killing more than 300 people in the deadliest-ever attack by Islamic extremists in the country.

Ten years ago: A jury in Austin convicted former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, on charges he'd illegally funneled corporate money to Texas candidates in 2002. (DeLay's convictions were overturned on appeal.)

Five years ago: In a show of Western solidarity, President Barack Obama and French President Francois Hollande met at the White House, where they vowed to escalate airstrikes against the Islamic State and bolster intelligence sharing following the deadly attacks in Paris. A suicide bomber struck a bus carrying members of Tunisia's presidential guard in the country's capital, killing 12 victims. Turkey shot down a Russian warplane that it said ignored repeated warnings after crossing into its airspace from Syria, killing one of the two pilots. (Turkey later formally apologized for the shootdown.)

One year ago: Billionaire and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg formally launched a Democratic bid for president. (Bloomberg would end his campaign in early March.) With multiple wins at the American Music Awards, Taylor Swift surged past Michael Jackson's record of 24 wins at the awards show, based on fan votes. Defense Secretary Mark Esper fired the Navy's top official, Richard Spencer, ending a clash between President

Donald Trump and top military leadership over the fate of a SEAL accused of war crimes in Iraq. Disney's "Frozen" sequel took in \$127 million domestically and \$350 million worldwide in its opening weekend, breaking several records. Today's Birthdays: Basketball Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson is 82. Country singer Johnny Carver is 80. Former NFL

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue (TAG'-lee-uh-boo) is 80. Rock drummer Pete Best is 79. Actor-comedian Billy Connolly is 78. Former White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater is 78. Former congressman and Motion Picture Association of America Chairman Dan Glickman is 76. Singer Lee Michaels is 75. Actor Dwight Schultz is 73. Actor Stanley Livingston is

70. Rock musician Clem Burke (Blondie; The Romantics) is 66. Actor/director Ruben Santiago-Hudson is 64. Actor Denise Crosby is 63. Actor Shae D'Lyn is 58. Rock musician John Squire (The Stone Roses) is 58. Rock musician Gary Stonadge (Big Audio) is 58. Actor Conleth Hill is 56. Actor-comedian Brad Sherwood is 56. Actor Garret Dillahunt is 56. Actor-

comedian Scott Krinsky is 52. Rock musician Chad Taylor (Live) is 50. Actor Lola Glaudini is 49. Actor Danielle Nicolet is 47. Actor-writer-director-producer Stephen Merchant is 46. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Chen Lu is 44. Actor Colin Hanks is 43. Actor Katherine Heigl (HY'-guh) is 42. Actor Sarah Hyland is 30.

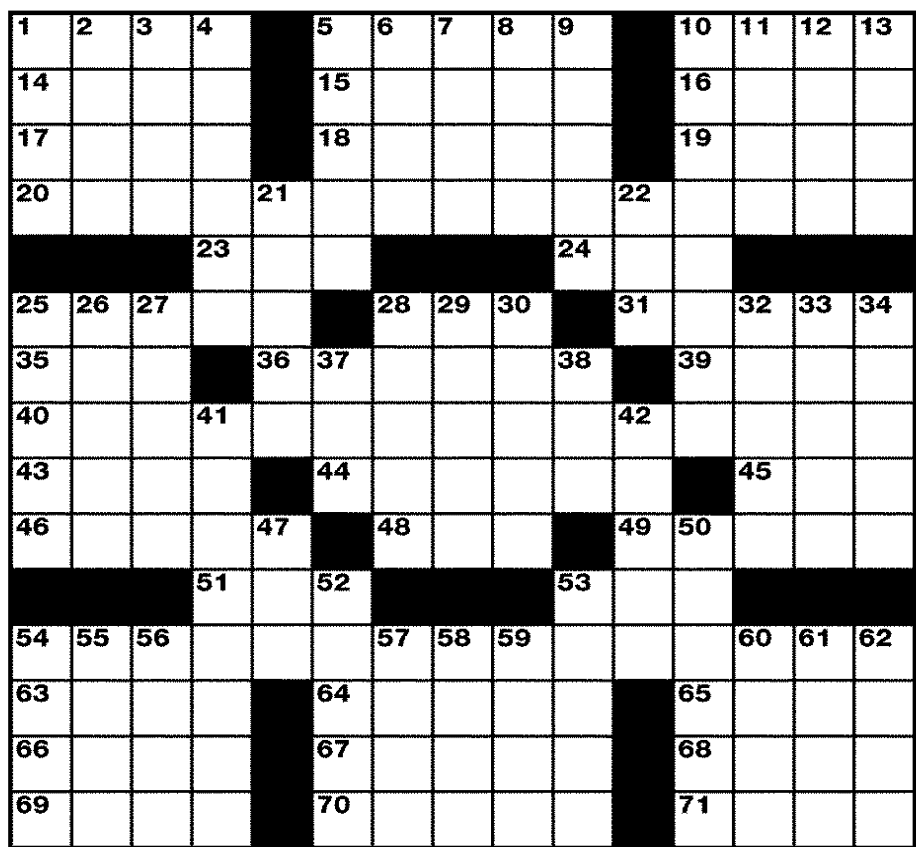
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Newsday Crossword

HOUSEWORK by Billie Truitt
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cabbage shredded for a picnic
 - 5 Out of alignment
 - 10 Enthusiastic review
 - 14 Apiece
 - 15 Museum tour leader
 - 16 Fail to mention
 - 17 Partner in war
 - 18 Marry again
 - 19 Change for a twenty
 - 20 Cash-moving financial crime
 - 23 Rock from a mine
 - 24 Have lunch
 - 25 Bunch of, informally
 - 28 "... or so ___ told"
 - 31 Kitchen countdown clock
 - 35 "Ah, I caught you!"
 - 36 Ascended
 - 39 Volcano's outflow
 - 40 Longing for the old days
 - 43 The Emerald Isle
 - 44 Good-natured
 - 45 Suffix for favor or meteor
 - 46 Short summary
 - 48 ___ room (play area)
 - 49 Hollywood award
 - 51 Female pig
 - 53 "Steady as ___ goes"
 - 54 Major modifications
 - 63 Teheran's country
 - 64 Mountain climbed by Moses

- 65 "Bro!"
 - 66 A smaller amount
 - 67 One in an airline's fleet
 - 68 Cleveland's lake
 - 69 Leg joint
 - 70 Stitched together
 - 71 Tedious routines
- DOWN**
- 1 Make watertight
 - 2 Tra ___ (song syllables)
 - 3 Rights advocacy grp.
 - 4 "What's there to lose?"
 - 5 Think alike
 - 6 Plaintiff in court
 - 7 Brown, fuzzy fruit
 - 8 Eve's garden
 - 9 Pie slice shape
 - 10 Turn soil by machine
 - 11 Prayer's last word
 - 12 Grape plant, for one
 - 13 Website for crafts
 - 21 Lured (into)
 - 22 Yoga pad
 - 25 Decrease
 - 26 Chicago airport
 - 27 Poisonous, as chemicals
 - 28 Deep-seated
 - 29 Make amends
 - 30 Sound from an orchestra
 - 32 Illusionist's act
 - 33 Broadway show about the Peróns
 - 34 NASCAR driver
 - 37 "Hard-boiled" breakfast
 - 38 Grade school support grp.
 - 41 Not exactly
 - 42 Luau greeting
 - 47 Mom-and-___ store
 - 50 Person in a return address
 - 52 Thin strands of clouds
 - 53 ___ away from (avoided)
 - 54 Fancy necktie fabric
 - 55 Little songbird
 - 56 Make less difficult
 - 57 Egypt's major river
 - 58 Chew like a beaver
 - 59 Walking stick
 - 60 Wise teacher
 - 61 Make revisions to
 - 62 Witnesses as it occurs



Answer to previous puzzle
CRABS DOCK FEES
HIRE ISLE IDLING
IDEAL SLAY VISITING
NEARLY COMPLETED
SEE PAL
BRR RAFT DAHLIA
LOAF SAID MAJLS
ALMOST CERTAINLY
ZEBRA TREE LUBE
XODUS SWAB SET
NOW SAD
JUST ABOUT ENOUGH
OREO BORE ANNOY
KNEW EDGE NOTED
ESPN DYES AROSE

Streak stop: Dalton's 3 TDs lift Cowboys past Vikings 31-28

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The refreshed Dallas Cowboys had a steady hand back at quarterback, eager to initiate the same post-bye bounce the Minnesota Vikings had been enjoying this month.

For as badly as the first half of the schedule went for the Cowboys, they're still alive and well this season in the well-below-average NFC East.

Andy Dalton returned from a two-game absence to throw three touchdown passes, hitting Dalton Schultz for a 2-yard score with 1:37 left to lift the Cowboys over the Vikings 31-28 on Sunday to stop their four-game losing streak.

"Everything's in front of us. It doesn't matter what we've done up to this point. It's all about these next seven games," said Dalton, who went 22 for 32 for 203 yards and one interception after fill-ins Ben DiNucci and Garrett Gilbert started the previous two games.

After taking over for the injured Dak Prescott a month ago and missing games himself to a concussion and COVID-19, Dalton directed an 11-play, 66-yard drive down the stretch that was extended with a fourth-and-6 completion to Amari Cooper at the 19.

Kris Boyd stepped in front of Schultz and nearly picked off a first-and-goal pass, but Dalton delivered to his wide open tight end two plays later. That put the Cowboys (3-7) in a three-way tie for second place behind Philadelphia (3-6-1).

After three straight wins over NFC North foes following their bye to climb back into contention, the Vikings (4-6) were plenty wary of the Cowboys despite entering as a seven-point favorite.

They trailed 16-7 at halftime, more because of bad breaks than poor performance. Kirk Cousins and Dalvin Cook each lost fumbles forced by hard-hitting safety Donovan Wilson that Dallas converted into nine points. Minnesota also had six penalties for 60 yards in the first half.

"There are positives to point to, but ultimately when you don't win, you leave the stadium feeling sick to your stomach," Cousins said.

Dodging pressure all afternoon, Cousins completed 22 of 30 passes for 314 yards and three touchdowns to punctuate drives of 75, 81 and 85 yards to start the second half. Adam Thielen

caught the first two touchdowns, the first one with a falling-down, one-handed grab in the back corner of the end zone while being held by Cowboys cornerback Anthony Brown.

Justin Jefferson had the third score, a 39-yarder that gave the Vikings the lead right back with 9:37 remaining in a confident response to Tony Polard's 42-yard touchdown run.

NFL leader Dalvin Cook had 115 rushing yards and a touchdown plus 45 receiving yards for the Vikings, who remained two games out of the final wild-card spot and in ninth place in the NFC.

"I really felt like we were going to win," coach Mike Zimmer said, "throughout the whole course of the game, even as bad as we started off offensively."

When it counted the most, though, the Vikings stalled out on their final two possessions while Cousins went 2 for 7. His fourth-and-6 throw to Thielen from the 29 fell incomplete with 1:18 left.

THE RED RIFLE

Ezekiel Elliott reached his first 100-yard rushing game of the season and caught a TD pass. CeeDee Lamb made a flat-on-his-back touchdown catch in the second quarter for the Cowboys. Cooper caught six passes for 81 yards.

Behind a reshuffled offensive line — with Joe Looney replacing the injured Tyler Biadisz at center, right guard Zack Martin taking over at right tackle for rookie

Terence Steele and Connor McGovern filling Martin's spot — the Dalton-led offense produced twice as many touchdowns at Minnesota as it had in the four previous games without the star Prescott.

NEVER DULL

Minnesota's special teams have been in disarray this month, with two blocked punts by Detroit and a kickoff return touchdown allowed to Chicago. Long snapper Austin Cutting, whose low delivery in the last game led to a failed extra point, was replaced by Andrew DePaola.

Vikings mistakes persisted. Punt returner K.J. Osborn's fumble was recovered early in the first quarter, but punter Britton Colquitt's 23-yard pass to Boyd for a first down on a second-quarter fake was wiped out by Boyd's illegal shift penalty. When they lined up again, Boyd was called for an illegal block above the waist, a rarity for the kicking team.

One bright spot: Eric Wilson blocked an extra point in the first quarter.

INJURY REPORT

Cowboys: Brown (ribs) left the game in the fourth quarter. ... With rookie CB Trevon Diggs (foot) on injured reserve, CB Chidobe Awuzie (groin) conveniently returned to the starting lineup from a seven-game absence.

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