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Upcoming Events

*Comanche Trail Festival of Lights is open until Dec. 25*

*Operation Love Letter is accepting letters to be distributed to area nursing home residents. Drop off locations are located throughout town.*

*City offices available by appointment or electronic communication only*

*Angel Trees are out in the community. Deadline: Dec. 15 for angel adoption.*

*Christmas Tree Forest is open at Heritage Museum.*


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## Howard College Trustees convene for final meeting of 2020

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Howard College Board of Trustees meeting will take place Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room inside the Student Union building. Those wishing to attend the meeting can do so in person or via teleconference at 1-888-204-5987 with access code 3148424#.

The Board of Trustees will revisit discussion on hail damage roof repair or replacement project update/change order as part of the unfinished business section. Heading into new business, an overview of



the district vision, mission, values and strategic planning will include discussion on the procedural calendar, preparation for substantive review and Board of Trustees Institute 2021 Webinars.

Dr. Cheryl Sparks will be delivering the Covid-19 Status Report #9 along with the Open Howard College Update. Following the update, Dr. Sparks will also cover any information that needs to be dispersed regarding Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo and SWCD campuses.

The Board will hear information pertaining to performance measures/outcomes on accountability measures regarding operational indicators with information on annual safety and fire re-

ports. Reports on the financial indicators and student success indicators will also be reviewed. As part of monitoring, discussion will take place on Cooperative Purchasing Services, Inc.

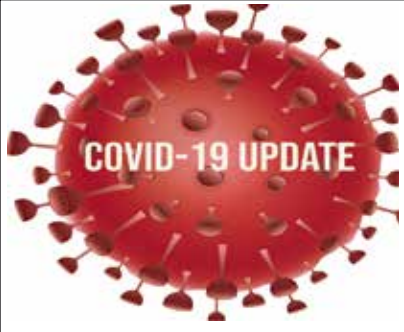
Before the meeting concludes, Dr. Sparks will deliver the President's Report and inform the board of upcoming activities and any recognitions that need to be made.

Routine agenda items include:

- Invocation
- Recognition of guests
- Communication to the Board
- Approval of minutes of regular meeting Nov. 16, 2020, checklist for November 2020, monthly report of auxiliary services, personnel matters, internal audit report and Education Code 51.252/Fall 2020 Report
- Chair's Report

- Meeting evaluation and future agenda items
- Board Education and development/ legislative and general updates
- Handbook and Catalog Changes

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**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported:

- 21 Covid-19 positive patients
- 3 in ICU & 2 vents

Hospital capacity is full for Covid-19 patients and 75% full for regular in-patients

SMMG & SMMC Testing through 12/10:

- 2,181 tests
- 579 positives for 26.7% positivity rate

For the month of December, 245 patients have tested of which 69 were positive for a rate of 29.7% positivity. 13 tests are pending.

Howard County has reported:

- 2,249 positive cases
- 46 Covid-19 fatalities
- 1,582 recoveries
- 621 active cases

## County Commissioners to consider New Year Burn Ban, monthly reports

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners will convene Monday for a regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Howard County Courthouse Third Floor Courtroom.

The discussion of keeping a burn ban in place as the New Year approaches will be brought for discussion by County Commissioner Craig Bailey, representative of District 2. The burn ban will focus on the use of fireworks with sticks and fins with the upcoming holiday. In addition, discussion will also take place regarding the South Mountain Tower bid to construct tower and necessary components.

The Howard County Commissioners

Court will hear from the Country Treasurer Sharon Adams regarding a HealthyYOU vending machine which will be up for consideration by the Court. In addition she will be discussing the 2019-2020 Workers Comp Audit Refund Check before heading into the Treasurer's Monthly Report and Monthly Payroll Report. Adams will also be presenting Personnel Considerations to the Commissioners for possible approval.

The Commissioners will hear a presentation from County Auditor Jackie Olson on financial statements for Community Supervision and Corrections Departments (CSCD) and Juvenile Probation Department. The November Financial Reports will also be

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## Howard County Veterans give back to veterans in Eden, Texas during Purple Heart Hunt 2020



*Courtesy photo*

Four local veterans and members of the DAV Chapter 47 traveled to Eden, Texas to help honor veterans for their service. During the weekend, each honoree was presented with several recognitions as well as a Quilt of Valor.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Supporting veterans knows no distance and isn't limited by location. This year, four members from the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Chapter 47, in Big Spring, traveled to Eden, Texas to support the annual Purple Heart Hunt.

"Eight years ago I was an honoree, and I know the impact it had on me, and for that I am grateful," Mike Tarpley said. "Since then I have started taking other members of the DAV with me and they have been able to see the impact that is being made through one weekend."

DAV member and Retired Army Veteran Mike Tarpley traveled for his eighth year; Retired Marines Veteran Gerald King joined the journey for his fifth year; Retired Army Veteran Danny Martinez continued his support for a second year; and Retired Navy Veteran Michael Cole experienced

his first year as a volunteer. Martinez was also an honoree three years ago and was able to experience the weekend as an honoree, and has chosen to invest back into these efforts.

"In one weekend these men are able to enjoy themselves, form bonds and in the end come out a different person,"

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# Obituaries

## Edward Eugene Miller

Edward Eugene Miller of Coleman, Texas, passed away on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, at the age of 86.



Those left to cherish Ed's memory are his son Gary Miller (wife Paula) of Midland, Texas; Jeana Miller Newman of Coleman, and Gregory Miller of Lakeway, Texas. His sisters, Sue Shill of Gruver, and Donna Brooks (husband Neely), of Tahoka, and his brother Milton Miller (wife Geneva), also of Tahoka, also survive him. Ed is also survived by his grandchildren Vanessa Reitzer (husband Chris); Jonathan Adams (wife Brandy);

Austin Miller; Laken Miller; Shelby Newman and Hudson Miller, and by his great-grandchildren Dylan Adams, Maxwell Adams, Gavin Adams, and Marley Miller.

Viewing will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at Stevens Funeral Home, 400 W. Pecan Street, Coleman, Texas. There will also be a viewing from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church, 1701 Avenue K, Tahoka, Texas. Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka, Texas. Services are entrusted to Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman.

For a complete obituary, please visit [www.living-memorials.com](http://www.living-memorials.com).

*Paid Obituary*

## Maria (Lulu) Recio

Maria (Lulu) Recio, 80, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020. Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home until 9 p.m. with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020. Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, 2020. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



Maria was born Feb. 26, 1940, in Big Spring. She married Gilbert Recio on Feb. 14, 2005. He died Dec. 16, 2007. She lived in Big Spring all of her life. She was a Catholic. She retired after working many years as a nanny and a caregiver.

Maria loved spending time with family. She enjoyed time with her daughter, sisters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter: Sarah Marquez of Big Spring; four grandchildren: Eugene Marquez, Jr., and wife Maria, Johnathon Marquez, Pamela Marquez Drake, Shirin Gonzales and husband Manuel Gonzales, III; and eleven great grandchildren: Andre Marquez, Erynn Marquez, Jarred Marquez, Candice Marquez, Johnathon Marquez, Jr., Addison Marquez, Jaden Drake, Kalie Drake, Xavier Gonzales, Aiden Gonzales, and Christian Gonzales; three sisters: Juanita Hand and husband Billy Hand, Rosa Ontiveros, and Yolanda Carrillo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents Miguel and Victoria Marquez, she was preceded in death by her husband: Gilbert Recio; two sons: Eugene Marquez and Mike Marquez; one great grandson: Dylan Marquez; three brothers: Daniel Marquez, Richard Marquez, and Andres Marquez; and one sister: Lydia Marquez.

Pallbearers will be Eugene Marquez, Jr., Tony Ontiveros, James Carrillo, Joe Carrillo, Roy Carrillo, and Robert Hicks. Honorary pallbearer will be John Marquez.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## A. Dealon Stanley

A. Dealon Stanley, 94, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020. Private services will be held.

He was born Nov. 28, 1925, in Winters, Texas to John and Laura Stanley.

Survivors include his wife, Dean Stanley of Odessa; three sons, Steve Stanley of Orange, Larry Stanley of Choke Canyon Lake, and John Stanley of Granite Shoals; one daughter, Donna Yacoe of

Houston; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch at [calfarley.org](http://calfarley.org), the Salvation Army at [salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org) or to your local food bank.

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

## Joyce Laverne Allen

Joyce Laverne Allen, 83, passed away Dec. 9, 2020.

She was born July 22, 1937, to Joe and Lena Howerton in Stanton Texas.

Joyce is survived by her daughter Susan Overton, son David Rojo of Big Spring, Texas, daughter Betsy Coleman of San Angelo, Texas, son Michael Richards of Republic, MI; 16 Grandchildren, 33 Great-Grandchildren, 10 Great-Great-Grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents Joe and Lena, husband Larry Allen, brother, son Eddie Flemmings.

Memorial will be held at Mt. Olive on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 at 10 a.m.

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

Jerry Greene; and a grandson, Gabriel Dominic Garcia.

Left to cherish her loving memory are her seven children: Felix Garcia (Lee) of Big Spring, Texas; Maria Peche' (Richard) of San Antonio, Texas; Oscar Garcia of Big Spring, Texas; Rachel Cisneros (Paul) of Abilene, Texas; Elsa Fryar (Lanny) of Midland, Texas; Terrie Mar (Daniel) of Abilene, Texas; and Ruben Garcia of Abilene, Texas. She was blessed with 20 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Mom is also survived by several brothers and sisters, numerous nieces, nephews, and friends who will also feel the void of her passing.

Pallbearers are her grandsons; Desmond Garcia, Arthur Paul Yanez (A'Evan-Michael Yanez - alternate), Paul Cisneros, Jr., Rance Fryar, Derek Mar, and Cody Mar.

Honorary Pallbearers are her great grandsons; Eli Guardiola, Brynden Guardiola, Ayden Guardiola, Dean Garcia, Roman and Dominic Garcia, Jonas and Troy Yanez, Mason and Jaxon Cisneros.

The family of Mary Greene wish to extend our sincere thanks to the medical staff at Martin County Hospital District in Stanton, Texas and Las Palmas Medical Center in El Paso, Texas for the excellent care of our Precious Mother these past couple of weeks.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Dr. #900, Arlington, VA 22202.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, through the storm, through the night. Lead me on to the Light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Maria Olga (DeLeon) Garcia Greene

Honor her for all that her hands have done. - Proverbs 31:31

Heaven has gained another Angel. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Maria Olga (DeLeon) Garcia Greene, affectionately known as "Granny" to her grandchildren. She passed from this Earth in to the arms of our Heavenly Father on Dec. 6, 2020, at the age of 79. Visitation will be held at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Monday, Dec. 14, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the Rosary beginning promptly at 7 p.m. A private Mass will be held at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Big Spring, Texas Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. Burial service will follow immediately after Mass at the Coahoma Cemetery in Coahoma, Texas, directed by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mom was known as Mary to many and was a long-time resident of Big Spring.

Mary, our mother, was born in Three Rivers, Texas on March 31, 1941 to Juan DeLeon and Maria Barrera DeLeon.

Mom was the most beautiful and perfect mother to us and a very strong woman raising seven children on her own. She was her happiest when she was surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was very witty and made us laugh constantly. She enjoyed watching old westerns, cheering on her favorite wrestlers and learning all the interesting things her Amazon Alexa could do. She worked for over 20 years on staff at Big Spring nursing home centers and at Hall & Bennett Hospital. After she retired, she worked as private caregiver.

Preceding her in death are her parents; husband,

## Take Note

• City of Big Spring offices have moved to by appointment only or electronic communication only. Contact information for all departments can be found on the city website at [mybigspring.com](http://mybigspring.com).

• Christmas in Coahoma at the Park, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. has been cancelled, for safety reasons. Santa will be making his rounds through the community with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department providing the ride. There will also be a Best Decorated House Contest for houses in Coahoma City Limits.

Deadline for entries is Dec. 9 at Coahoma City Hall. Both events are sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club.

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**Sheriff**

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

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

- **CLIFFORD NEAL HAMMONDS, 27**, was arrested by DPS on charges of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram), possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and unauthorized use of vehicle.
- **CLEOPHUS JOHNSON, 53**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open alcohol container.
- **KYLE LEE SIMMONS, 28**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bondman off bail/manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).
- **RICKY SOLIS, 57**, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of stalking.
- **JAMES DWAYNE TURNBO, 42**, was arrested by BSPD on charges of no drivers license when unlicensed, fail to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, and driving while intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JAMES DEWAYNE TURNBO**, 42, of 1013 Wood Street, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup> and warrant – other agency (x3).
- **KYLE LEE SIMMONS**, 28, transient, was arrested on a charge of manufacture delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).
- **RICKEY SOLIS**, 57, of 603 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of stalking.
- **CLEOPHUS JOHNSON**, 53, of 300 block of W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the area of State and Wood.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 700 block of W. FM 700.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2000 block of Alamesa.
- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 200 block of S. Midway Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Runnels Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of W. I-20.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2300 block of S. Gregg Street.

## Take Note cont.

• A gofund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail [jessemonica1234@gmail.com](mailto:jessemonica1234@gmail.com) or call 432-517-7675.

• Isaiah 58's last distribution will be Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. The food pantry will be closed for the holiday season, through the end of the year beginning Dec. 21. through January 5, 2021.

• Forsan's 7<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas in Boomtown Parade has been cancelled this year. The parade was originally supposed to take place Dec. 5, but in the best interest and safety of the community, the parade has been cancelled.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of S. Main Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Johnson. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Heaton Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4900 block of Wasson Road. One

person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BUILDING / STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 100 block of S. Main. The fire was contained.

## COUNTY

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brought before the Court for possible approval.

Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will be discussing the sealcoat plans and go out for bids on the projects. In addition, he will be look-

ing to add CR 29 in Precinct 4 to RFB2020002 by charge order with R&B Engineer as the signature authority.

The Commissioners will also receive a TxDot Grant Standing update and Roadway Maintenance update will be brought by Klinksiek before his reports conclude.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, Tax Assessor Collector Tiffany Sayles will present the annual report including education hours to the Court.

Routine agenda items to be discussed include:

- County Clerk Monthly Report
- County Auditor request for approval of

invoices, purchase requests, budget amendments

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## HUNT

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Tarpley said. "Each of them have had their own experiences in combat and many of them are battered from those experiences. This hunting weekend allows them to talk about that with others who have been there and to see them come out a different person is impactful."

In addition to volunteering for the weekend, Tarpley also takes his wood creations in an effort to not only honor the veterans, but as a way to support the silent auction and help raise funds. King also donates pieces of his metal art for the silent auctions which also provides support to the financial needs that allow this event to continue. First year volunteer, Cole also offers his services by compiling the pictures and videos from the weekend as a keepsake for the honorees.

"There is less than one percent of the population who has stepped up to serve their country, and it is much appreciated when gratitude is shown

from the other 99 plus percentage," Tarpley said. "Our veterans have made great sacrifices for not only their friends and family, but for complete strangers, and they would do it again. We need to take a moment and show them that their sacrifices are not forgotten, and they are appreciated."

In addition to the weekend of hunting, bonding and relaxation for the honorees at the Purple Heart Dove Hunt, before the weekend concludes each veteran is honored with a Quilt of Valor presentation. Tarpley, a Quilt of Valor presenter, conducts each of the special ceremonies during the hunt weekend. "All veterans sign a blank check up to and including their life. We honor the ones who survived, and remember the ones who gave their life. The Quilts Of Valor has allowed me to wrap each honoree for the last four years."

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**Thursday, December 17, 2020**

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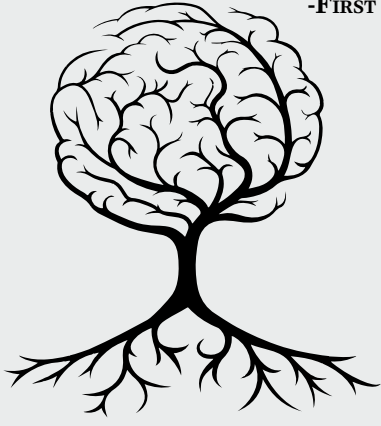
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# Opinion

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## DAILY PRAYER

*We all have something wonderful in common when we walk with You, Lord. Amen*

## Putting polka music into space

"I play a squeeze box and grew up with Polka music, mainly Czech and German style", says Gene Hackemack of McQueeney.

For a few years he had a restaurant in New Ulm and entertained customers by strolling around with his accordion.

He also played with groups all over central and south Texas.

"I love Polka music. It makes you happy. My mother listened to it all the time and finally she bought me an accordion and told me I had to learn to play it."

As soon as he graduated from Burton High School near Brenham he joined the Marines.

"Boot Camp was a breeze compared to working on the farm."

He became a medical corpsman and served 13 months in Viet

Nam. Later he was stationed in Okinawa. After his discharge in 1967 he went to work for NASA.

"I was there during the Apollo days when they made the first lunar landing. I did physicals on just about every astronaut that came through there. One of the astronauts, Don Thomas from Cleveland, Ohio and I got to talking about Polka music. He just came out and said, 'hey why don't you wake me up with some Polka when I'm in space?'"

I said sure. You got it. Do you have any Polka in mind? He said, 'yeah. How 'bout the Beer Barrel Polka?'"

Gene and another musician recorded Beer Barrel Polka on a cassette and gave it to Mission Control. This was on July 18th, 1995. The mission was SPS 70. Astronaut Thomas wrote a book Orbit of Discovery about is experience on the space shuttle Discovery.

He has been on four flights, spent 44 days in space and orbited earth 700 times.

"There were approximately six

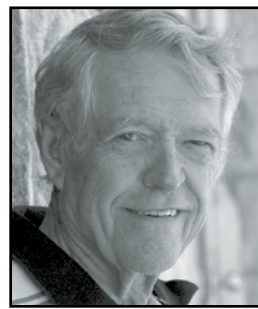
astronauts aboard for that mission. Each one could request his own wake up song. We woke up Don Thomas with the Beer Barrel Polka. NASA, through Don, gave us each a nice plaque thanking us for The First Polka In Space Wakeup Music, which is kind of a neat souvenir to have and they included some patches that were actually flown on the mission. Of course I have those hanging on a wall in my house."

The song, Beer Barrel Polka, was composed in 1920.

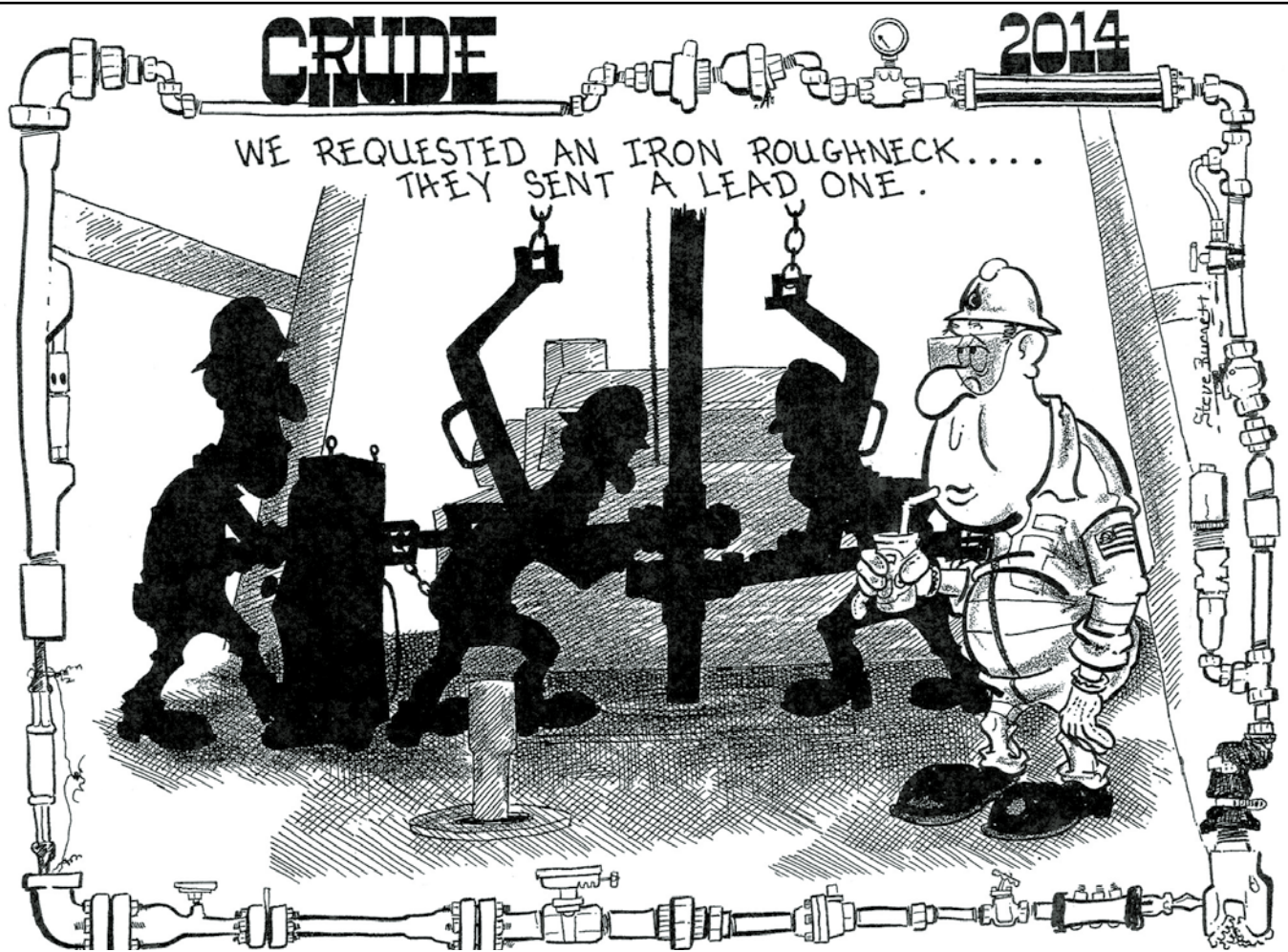
The son of the composer lives in Prague, Czech Republic.

Because of the publicity generated about putting the Beer Barrel Polka into space, he heard about it and invited Gene to Prague. Gene and his wife went and were royally entertained.

"It was quite a treat. He's a big businessman in Prague and has a restaurant among other things. We were introduced to a bunch of dignitaries and went to a music concert. A lot of photographers were around us all the time and our picture is in his restaurant in Prague."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



## Footwear frustrations

The subject of footwear has hit me dead center in recent days. Following are details of unlikely happenings last week. Remembrances are hand-on-the-Bible truths to which I am sticking.

Said topic involves a frustrated kindergarten teacher, the boots-were-made-for-walking tune and a mystery involving one of my shoes.

As suggested in Julie Andrews' Do-Rey-Mi song that set well with the herd of kids fleeing Austria in The Sound of Music, let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start.

The week began innocently enough. Wife Brenda and I were driving when the warbling of Nancy Sinatra poured from the car radio. It was These Boots Were Made for Walking. I was at "full pucker," providing unrequested whistling accompaniment when Brenda said, "That's enough." She assured that my whistling the same tune for the net 30 miles was "over the top." After 54 years of marriage, I have learned when to declare an intermission.

Later, I read about the frustrations of a kindergarten teacher. Accounts of her helping five-year-old Jason Robert put his boots on flooded social media. I thought immediately of my appreciation of educators, particularly kindergarten teachers, whose patience is tested regularly.

You may already know of her misadventure; it went seriously south.

Jason requested help, so she

dived right into the "pushing and pulling" of boots. Sweating as his foot finally came to rest in the second boot, she whimpered upon hearing his response: "They're on the wrong feet."

In disbelief that she hadn't noticed, she struggled to get the boots off, straining physical limits to make the switch.

His next statement chilled to the bone: "These aren't my boots."

Her last nerve stretched nigh unto breaking, she questioned why he hadn't said so.

As she struggled during the "taking-off" process, tears threatened when he explained that the boots were his brother's, but "Mom made me wear them today." The teacher mustered grace, understanding and patience as she helped with "putting-on" for the third time. Then, she asked, "Where are your mittens?"

"I stuffed them in the toes of my boots," Jason blathered. She wondered if, by chance, her teaching certificate had expired....

Shift now to my latest adventure. It involved use of my size 13 shoes as temporary filing cabinets.

You know the drill; shoes and more come off for exams. Contents of my shirt pocket, watch and rings I've always dropped in a shoe.

Upon completing an exam last week, I headed for Lowe's to pur-

chase a pane of glass needed to repair our guest bedroom window. Son-in-law Kyle Penney had provided pane measurements needed weeks earlier, emphasizing the importance of the dimensions be followed "to the T" for proper pane fit. I carried the note in my shirt pocket for weeks, and was glad to make the pane purchase, so Kyle-like Santa-might "do the job when he's in town." The Lowe's guy was "at the ready" for glass-cutting. He asked for the dimensions.

"Sure thing," said I, reaching for my "shirt pocket file." Much was there, but the note showing dimensions wasn't. He was patient, understanding when I asked for a few minutes to search several places at home, just a couple of miles away.

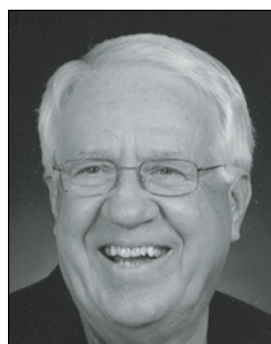
I walked away in embarrassment as he carefully restored the sheet of glass into its compartment.

I was at "near-whimper stage" soon, since the note seemed "unfindable." Then, it dawned on me that it just might still be at rest in the toe of my shoe.

Sure enough, I had extracted shoe contents upon completing examination earlier at the doctor's office. The small note, however, lay "hidden" in the toe of my shoe.

I returned to Lowe's with the measurement, and now have the pane in my possession. When Kyle replaces it during Christmas, maybe I'll whistle while he works, perhaps a number from The Sound of Music.

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# Showtime Steers comeback attempt falls short, lose to Hereford 55-39



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**Above left:** Isaiah Holloway lines up to attempt one of his free throw attempts on Friday night where he shot 6-for-13 from the line. **Above right:** Kaegen Mitchell plays tight defense on an inbounds pass in a game where he came up with three steals.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Hereford (7-2) was able to jump out to an early lead, both defenses were playing at the top of their games, and a valiant comeback effort by the Big Spring Showtime Steers (5-3) fell short in a 55-39 loss to the Whitefaces on Friday night inside Steer Gym.

"We couldn't hit it in the first quarter, but I knew that we'd be okay if we just kept playing defense," Head Coach Kris Hise said. "We did just that. We cut it to single digits in the fourth and I was proud of them. We fought hard."

Things got off to a rocky start for Big Spring when Hereford jumped out to a quick and early 13-0 lead just a few minutes into the ballgame. The Showtime Steers were early forced into bad passes by the Hereford press and that led to turnovers and easy baskets for the visitors.

Following that scoring run, Hereford was then held scoreless for the next three minutes of game time. Unfortunately, Big Spring was also unable to get it going on the offensive end and there only point in the first quarter came with under three minutes left on an Isaiah Holloway free throw. Heading into the second quarter, Big Spring was trailing 18-1 but seemed to be moving in the right direction.

Holloway continued his strong play in the second quarter as he played with great energy to help set the tone for his team on the hardwood. He would keep his great performance going for all four quarters against a talented Hereford squad on Friday night as he finished with a team-high 17 points.

"(Isaiah) comes off the bench with energy. He knows that's his role and that's what he's there for and he does a great job at it," Hise said.

Turnovers and missed free throws continued as an issue for Big Spring but they were also able to throw their opponents into some mistakes as well. At halftime, the Showtime Steers were trailing 28-11 and all of their points had come from two players.

Holloway had scored six points in the first half by outmuscling the opponent and playing with elite-level energy while his teammate Gavin Greathouse accounted for the other five points. Greathouse's last shot of the first half was

a buzzer-beating put-back and it trimmed the Whitefaces halftime lead to 17 points.

The great game continued for Holloway following halftime as he scored eight more points in the third quarter to bring his total to 14 points. Guard Chris Martinez drilled two three-point shots in the third, Kaegen Mitchell added two baskets, and Big Spring outscored the Whitefaces 18-13 in the third quarter. This meant that Hereford was leading 41-29 heading into the final eight minutes of action.

Big Spring was able to get within seven points of Hereford, but that is as close as they would get. With the Whitefaces leading 44-37 with just over three minutes remaining, the Showtime Steers needed to make a few more stops and good decisions on the offensive end. Instead, Hereford leading scorer Blake Walker (17 points) drilled a dead center shot from beyond the arc to put his team back up by 10 points.

Hereford then snatched all the momentum away from Big Spring and finished the game on an 8-2 run to head home with 55-39 the win. In all, three Hereford players scored in double-digits while Holloway was the only Big Spring player to accomplish that feat.

Big Spring will now have a quick turnaround to deal with as they host Lubbock Coronado on Saturday afternoon. Following a loss on Friday night to a tough team, Hise is just looking for his team to play hard and to continue growing.

"The losses that we have right now are because the teams that we're playing are very good," Hise said. "Were not playing any Cracker Jack schools that can't put the ball in the net. We're playing schools that will make us better in the long run."

After two straight losses, the Showtime Steers are ready to get back on track.

**UP NEXT:** Big Spring hosts the Lubbock Coronado Mustangs (6-2) on Saturday afternoon inside Steer Gym at 3:00 p.m.

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# Forsan Lady Buffs fall to Westbrook 48-36 on the road

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The Forsan Lady Buffs dropped their second game of the season on Friday night when they lost 48-36 on the road to the Westbrook Lady Wildcats.

Both Rylee Evans and Kaeli Woodall led Forsan with 11 points apiece in a game where their offense did not seem to get going until the second half. Forsan was trailing 26-9 at halftime and had a big hole to dig themselves out of.

"They were hitting shots early and we weren't," Head Coach Seth Johnson said. "It affected our confidence and it took us until after halftime to reset and regroup."

Westbrook was able to get to the free throw line numerous times and converted 8-of-14 throughout the contest. On the other hand, Forsan only got to the line a few times but they were 5-for-5 from the charity stripe.

Johnson was not upset with his team's defense overall shot selection either, it was just one of those



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**The Forsan Lady Buffs line-up their offense.**

games where they needed a few more to fall.

"They were sound with their fundamentals," Johnson said about Westbrook's offense. "They for us out of position and they drew some fouls. We took good shots, they just weren't falling."

In the second half, the Lady Buffs outscored West-

brook 27-22 but there was not enough time left to finish the comeback. Forsan has now lost two of their last three games and will be looking to get themselves back on track this weekend against Sterling City (1-5).

They just have a few days before they begin district play against Winters and Forsan will be looking to work out their rest of their flaws before that time.

How can Forsan bounce-back quickly?

"We talked about not letting one bad thing snowball into multiple bad things," Johnson said. "I think we will be better because of this setback. We just have to continue to play with confidence."

**UP NEXT:** Forsan (7-2) will travel to Sterling City on Saturday morning to take on the Lady Eagles at 11:30 a.m.

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# 9 Bulldogs named All-State Academic

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Nine Coahoma High School players and trainers were recognized for their work off the field and in the classroom by a state organization recently.

Bulldogs Grayson Glidwell, Seth Brooks, Colin Daniels, Bryden Fontana, Noah Dials, Brenner Gartman, and Kolt Redden as well as CHS trainers MaKynlee Overton and Tanner Atkins were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) Football Academic All-State Team.

"This is a big honor and a testament to these kids taking care of their business in the classroom," said Chris Joslin,

CISD Athletic Director and head football coach. "These are excellent student leaders who work hard both on the field and in their academic studies, and it's a well deserved honor for them to be recognized as among the top academic student athletes in the state."

The THSCA bases its honor on the following areas: GPA, class rank, and ACT/SAT score.

**CHS Academic All-State**

First Team — Grayson Glidwell  
Second Team — Seth Brooks, Colin Daniels, Bryden Fontana, MaKynlee Overton, Tanner Atkins.  
Honorable Mention — Brenner Gartman, Kolt Redden, Noah Dials.

# Big Spring Tennis 2020 All-District selections & postseason awards

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Over the past week, the All-State Tennis Teams have been being put together. This means that the outstanding players from Big Spring would be recognized throughout the district for the top-notch job they did on the court this past season.

In the Singles' division, Hayden Bell (Girls' Newcomer of the Year), Brooklin Mojica, Matthew Salazar, (Boys' Newcomer of the Year), and Zach Vela were named as All-District First Team

selections. Itzel Garcia-Marquez, Emily Kocak, Ananya Limaye, Natalia Lopez, and Sean Tan were named to the All-District Second Team. Both Eric Landin and Matthew Doll were chosen as Honorable Mentions in District 3-4A.

In the Doubles division, Bell and Vela were First Team for mixed doubles. Doll and Tan were also First Team as a boys' doubles team. The Lopez/Mojica, Felicia Dahya/Kocak, Bell/Emily Medina pairings were named Second Team. Lastly, the Landin/Salazar pairing was Honorable Mention.

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## MOMMA

BY MELL LAZARUS

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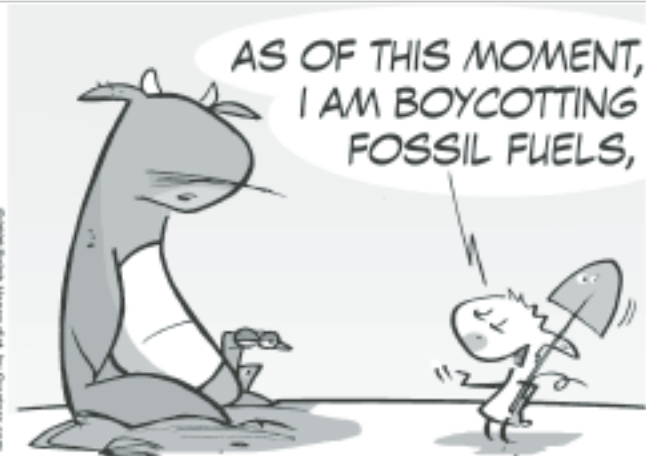
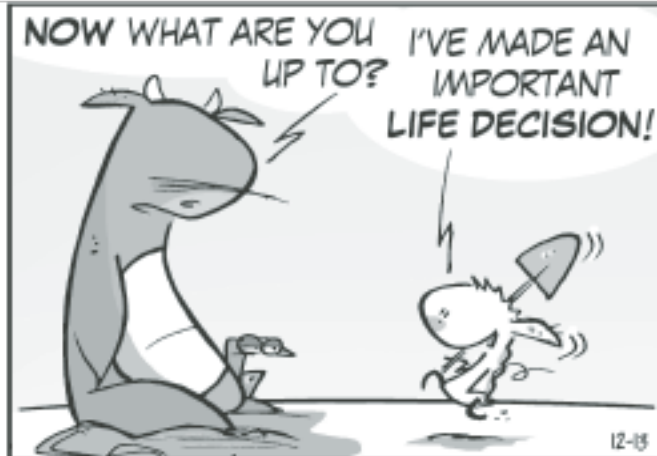
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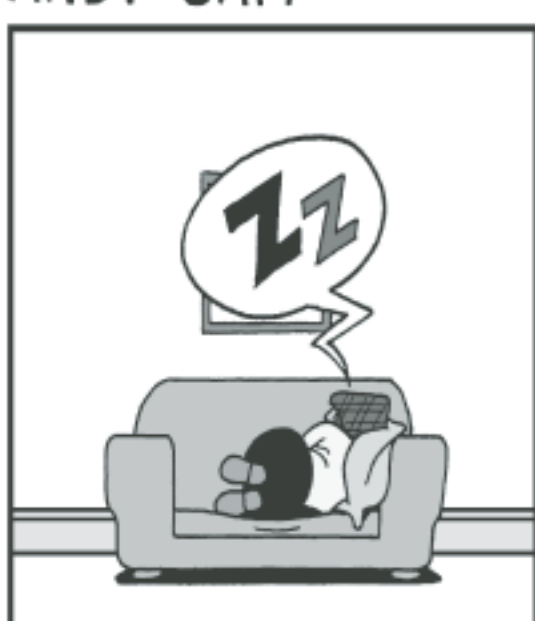




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# Check this out, at the library this week

By SANDRA VERDIN

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This week's books are all non-fiction titles.

"The Mamba Mentality: How I Play" (796.32 BRY K) by Kobe Bryant takes readers on a journey to the core of the legendary mindset that made a basketball superstar Kobe Bryant one of the greatest to ever play the game. In his own words, Bryant details his vast understanding of the sport. He documents who he learned from, how he played through pain, and why he refused to accept losing as an option. He shares his motivation to never stop learning and to make himself-and his teammates-better every single day. Page by page, play by play, Bryant breaks down specific match-ups from throughout his career from Michael Jordan to LeBron James. It's all accompanied by the stunning photography of Andrew D Bernstein, the NBA's Hall of Fame photographer who captured Bryant's very first photo as Laker in 1996, his very last in 2016, and many thousands in between. The Mamba Mentality beautifully reveals the inner workings of one of the most intelligent, analytical and creative athletes of our time.

Celebrating the grandeur and variety of the American landscape, "America's Best Day Hikes" (796.51 DEL D) by Derek Dellinger takes you on a journey across the country's most scenic hiking destinations. With a focus on single-day hikers for adventurers of all skill levels, this curated tour of can't miss trails in every region will help you prepare for your next expedition with turn-by-turn trail notes, safety and planning tips, and vibrant photography. Derek Dellinger, author of 50 Hikes in the Upper Hudson Valley and coauthor of 50 Hikes in the Catskills, embarked on a four-month road trip to hike hundreds of miles of trails and narrow down the most notable day hikes in America. The result is a guide both practical and aspirational, whether you're setting out to explore a new region for the first time, planning your own road trip across several states, or even compiling a lifetime's worth of bucket list destinations. From historic national parks busy with wildlife and views to remote vistas miles off the beaten path to the terminus of the world-famous Appalachian Trail, "America's Best Day Hikes" demonstrates that America's wild lands are truly one of its greatest treasures. By highlighting the most notable trails of each region, "America's Best Day Hikes" shows how majestic and diverse this landscape truly is-and how important it is that we preserve our wild areas for future generations.

"Essential Oils for Soothing Anxiety" (615.32 ANT

C) by Christina Anthis is a complete guide that delivers quick and easy remedies, rituals, and recipes to help address a wide range of symptoms including stress, tension, headaches, and insomnia. If you're searching for serenity now, essential oils provide a simple, all-natural way to feel calm and relaxed fast. From Grapefruit Lavender Body Butter Bars to Good Vibrations Mood Booster Body Spray, this comprehensive essential oil book gives you the tools you need to make soothing self-care products. Along the way, discover how to increase your focus through breathing, relax your mind and body to release tension, add essential oils into massage, and so much more. Take a deep, cleansing breath and let the restorative healing begin.

"Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs" (614.4 OST M) by Michael T. Osterholm & Mark Olshaker is high scientific drama, a chronicle of medical mystery and discovery, a reality check, and a practical plan of action. Unlike natural disasters, whose destruction is concentrated in a limited area over a period of days, and illnesses, which have devastating effects but are limited to individuals and their families, infectious disease has the terrifying power to disrupt everyday life on a global scale, overwhelming public and private resources and bringing trade and transportation to a grinding halt. In today's world, it's easier than ever to move people, animals, and materials around the planet, but the same advances that make modern infrastructure so efficient have made epidemics and even pandemics nearly inevitable. And as outbreaks of COVID-19, Ebola, MERS, and Zika have demonstrated, we are woefully underprepared to deal with the fallout. So, what can and must we do in order to protect ourselves from mankind's deadliest enemy? Drawing on the latest medical science, case studies, policy research, and hard-earned epidemiological lessons, Deadliest Enemy explores the resources and programs we need to develop if we are to keep ourselves safe from infectious disease. The authors show how we could wake up to a reality in which many

antibiotics no longer cure, bioterror is a certainty, and the threat of a disastrous influenza or coronavirus pandemic looms ever larger. Only by understanding the challenges we face can we prevent the unthinkable from becoming the inevitable.

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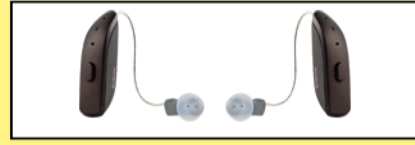
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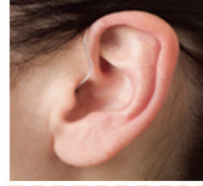
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## O' Christmas Tree, O' Christmas Tree ... How beautiful are your branches



*Courtesy photos*  
Big Spring ISD Fashion Design students were tasked with creating a Christmas Tree Dress. Each group of students were provided with a box - each with a different theme - and the only rule was to use their creativity and work together as a team to make a one-of-a-kind design. Once the students finished their creations, each tree was placed on display in the high school cafeteria. Students, faculty, and even those on Facebook had an opportunity to vote on their favorite tree. The winning tree was featured in the Big Spring Christmas Parade, highlighting the skill and creativity that exists in the halls of Big Spring ISD.



*Courtesy photos*  
Each tree was created within a week's time frame. Students had the opportunity to choose their own designs and create.





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# Howard County Lunch Menus

## Big Spring ISD

### Anderson Accelerated

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Bacon Cheeseburger, Egg chef salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Sugar Donut, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French Toast Bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, taco nacho salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal and 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: Strawberry bagel bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Walking taco, yogurt, cheese, and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

### Elementary

Monday: Breakfast: Yogurt with bug bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Maple Madness French Toast, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake and sausage, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, American Sub sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll, taco nacho salad, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Fish sticks with roll, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk, carnival cookie.

Friday: Breakfast: Coco Puff Pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Tony's cheese pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

### High School

Monday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Apple Jacks Cereal pouch, assorted fruit and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Salisbury steak with noodles, baconburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Cheese sticks with sauce, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon rolls, waffles bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ pork sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry bagel, 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.

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate frilled crescent, 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.

### Intermediate

Monday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, 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 popcorn chicken, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French Toast Bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef nachos, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coco Puff pastry, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or lasagna, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel Bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.

### Junior High

Monday: Breakfast:

Apple frudel, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger, assorted juice and milk.

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

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French Toast, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or lasagna, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or lasagna, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Strawberry cream cheese bagel bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.

### Kentwood Pre-K

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger with smile fries, fruit, 1% milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake bites with smile fries, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Fish sticks with roll, fruit, and vegetable, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon popart, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Macaroni and cheese with roll, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk, cookie day.

Friday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

### Elementary/Moss Lunch

Monday: Maple madness french toast with smile fries, Sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, ham and cheese sandwich fruit and vegetables, milk

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with roll, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Thursday: Fish sticks with roll, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

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

## Coahoma

### Coahoma K-12 Breakfast

Monday: 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: No school.

### Coahoma K-8 Lunch

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

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

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

Thursday: corn dogs with tater tots, baked beans, apple-pineapple, D'Lite, milk.

Friday: No school

### Coahoma 9-12 Lunch

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

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

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

Thursday: Corn dogs with tater tots, baked beans, apple-pineapple D'Lite, milk.

Friday: No school



## Forsan

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

Tuesday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Hamburger or spaghetti bowl or turkey and cheese sub, ranch style beans, tots, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Sausage, egg and cheese tornado or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Pizza (JH/HS) or crispy chicken salad (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberries, 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, fruitygelatin, fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Maple mini pancakes, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Turkey and cheese sub, chips, baby carrots, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

## Sands

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Deli sandwich, garish, sliced cucumbers, chips, bean dip, fruit cup, milk variety.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Sun butter and jelly sandwich, cheese stick, baby carrots, celery stick, animal crackers, grapes, milk variety.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Deli sandwich, garnish, fresh veggie cup, multi-grain chips, fruit cup, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Turkey and dressing, roasted potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, apple slices, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: Cereal bar, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza pocket, marinara sauce, Tuscan vegetables, garden salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk variety.



## Senior Center

Monday: Green chili stew, steamed white rice, fruit cup, cornbread.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, sweet potato fries, baked beans, pistachio salad, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, sliced beets, cake, milk.

Thursday: Turkey and dressing/gravy, sweet potatoes, green peas, pumpkin pie, rolls, cranberry sauce, milk.

Friday: Tamales with chili, pinto beans, fiesta corn, jell-o, milk.

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## Chamber of Commerce happenings ... Recognizing those who are investing into Big Spring and Howard County during 2020

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

This year has provided several opportunities for those big hearts to shine in Big Spring and Howard County. With the downturn of the oilfield, temporary shutdowns across the state and the ongoing pandemic, there has been more need in our community than previous years. However, there are those who have stepped up and answered that call, as they always do, and continued to support the Howard County community. Now, as the year draws to an end, it is time to put those thinking caps on and get ready to turn in those nominations for 2020 Man and Woman of the Year. Nominations are now being accepted at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and winners will be announced in the early part of 2021.

"It's hard to believe that it's that time of year again to start thinking about those people who have gone above and beyond for their community. This year has been a trying year for everyone and it is times like these that we get to see the heart that makes up Big Spring and the surrounding communities," Debbye ValVerde, Executive Direc-

tor of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "There are a lot of people who make a positive impact on a daily basis, but often stay behind the scenes. This is a great way to let them know we see their dedication to our community and they are appreciated, especially those who continued those efforts this year."

Nominations for Man and Woman of the Year must be submitted by a Chamber member, but the nominee can be any resident in the Howard County area. A committee made up of former Man and Woman recipients, and a Chamber board member will vote and make the final selection on the 2020 Man and Woman of the year, based on their contributions to the community.

"Nominations must include examples of how the nominee has contributed to the betterment of Big Spring and the surrounding area. We understand that many who support our community are not doing it for the fame or the notoriety, but this award is an opportunity to let them know how much the community appreciates what they do," she said.

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## Public Records

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

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 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  
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 James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine  
 Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo  
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 Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa  
 Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.  
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 Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse  
 Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder  
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 Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin  
 Clayton W. Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring  
 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder  
 Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E Parker, Midland  
 Joanna Esparza, 501 S.Tackitt Seymour, Texas  
 Carol W. Evans, 809 E 33rd, Plainview, Texas  
 Chris M. Fagan, 3508 W. Eighth St., Amarillo  
 Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring  
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 Kimberly Jo Kennemur, 120 Hooser Rd., Big Spring  
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 Kayle R. Lane, P.O. Box 83965, Waco  
 Rafael Lemus, 1804 Mittel, Big Spring  
 Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring  
 Ruben Lopez Jr., 107 Milburn St., Synder, Texas  
 Clifford G. Lowe, 501 Circle, Big Spring  
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 Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring  
 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

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## Highlighting Howard Co. Business Marcy Place - A place to call home

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Managing Editor

Providing a place to call a home without the worry of upkeep, added bills and an opportunity to engage in social activities is what Marcy Place is all about.

Marcy Place is classified as an Assisted Living Facility has been serving the Howard County community since they opened their doors in 1996. The building was constructed in 1995 with the hopes of providing a space for seniors in the community to call a home while relieving the stress of having to manage a home on their own.

Marcy Place – formerly known as Marcy House – offers a range of services from medication management to assisting with ADLs. The facility is capable of housing up to 44 residents. Daily activities include bingo, Gardening Club, Walking Club and even daily devotional moments. All activities are offered in a way residents can enjoy life while in a safe and homelike environment while still maintaining independence, according to Hickman.

"Assisted Living Facilities such as Marcy Place are important because we bridge the gap between independent living and long term care," Trystan Hickman, Marcy Place Executive Director, said. "We continue to provide a safe and secure home while delivering quality and compassionate care."

Providing the ability for residents to be able to conduct their day to day routines in their own way is an important piece of the atmosphere provided to the residents. The benefit of residing at Marcy Place is that residents have the support where and when needed from the caring staff, and several opportunities for social activities. While the pandemic, which swept in earlier this year, caused activities to be altered and



Courtesy photo

**Marcy Place is an assisted living facility that has been operating in Howard County since 1996. While the name may have changed since the doors opened, the home atmosphere is still the same as when they first began serving the community. Marcy Place is located at 2301 Wasson Road.**

access to be limited to the facility, the staff at Marcy Place have been working their creativity to help the residents stay connected, engaged and active.

"While we understand these times are difficult for everyone, it has given us the opportunity to get creative and innovative on how we can keep our residents and families engaged, while at the same time continue to maintain a vibrant community," she said.

As the staff continues to work hard on the day to day activities and support, the community has also stepped up over the past few months to help ensure none of the residents are forgotten. There have been donations to the facility through gifts, masks and other needed supplies, as well as hand written notes and more. Families have come up with new ways to stay connected with their loved ones while still keeping all in the facility safe.

"We appreciate the outpour of love and support that we have

been shown throughout this pandemic; whether that be donations of masks or pen pals for our residents, each gesture is much appreciated," Hickman said.

She continued, "We will continue to serve the seniors in our area, and in the process the safety of our residents and staff will remain at the top of our priorities. These are unprecedented and difficult times for everyone. We ask that the community continues to support and uplift your neighbor as we navigate this new environment together."

To find out more about Marcy Place and the services offered, to schedule a tour, or to request information for a family, call 432-268-9041. Marcy Place is located at 2301 Wasson Road. More information can be found by visiting, [www.enlivant.com](http://www.enlivant.com).

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## PBUWCD Personnel to Begin Annual Water Level Measurements in Howard and Martin Counties

Special to the Herald

Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) personnel are set to begin their annual depth-to-water level measurements in mid-December. The data collected helps determine the effect of the 2020 pumping on groundwater levels in the aquifers within the district.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

PBUWCD personnel measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long

as the individual wells are accessible and provide satisfactory data. The current depth-to-water measurements in individual wells are compared to that of the previous years to determine the annual change in water levels of the aquifers within the district.

The staff of the PBUWCD appreciates the cooperation of the landowners as we continue to provide this service for the residents of Howard and Martin counties. Additional information about the observation well and water level measurement programs is available by contacting the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District at (432) 756-2136 or by visiting our website at [www.pbuwcd.com](http://www.pbuwcd.com).



## AWARD

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According to the nomination application, nominees should have a consistent track record of accomplishments rather than being honored for a single act or merit; although a single contribution or achievement is not ruled out if its of sufficient importance.

In addition to the Man and Woman of the Year, for the second year, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be recognizing 5 Under 55.

Last year the Chamber introduced the new award as a way of recognizing young business professionals who were up and coming leaders in the community.

"We were excited to introduce this award last year, and are excited to bring it back this year," Manny Negron, Big Spring Area Chamber of

Commerce Past President, said. "This is a way for us to recognize individuals who are under 55 for their contribution to Big Spring through their leadership and involvement in the community."

Nominations for 5 under 55 can be submitted through the Chamber office or by email. Nominations can be submitted by Chamber members in good standing. Nominees do not have to be a Chamber member.

The deadline to nominate is Dec. 15, 2020. The honorees will be announced toward the beginning of 2021.

To pick up an application stop by 215 W. Third Street or call the office at 432-263-7641 request a nomination form.

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## Birth Announcement

## Cash Gilbert

Mara Marie Gilbert and Jalin Gilbert of Big Spring are proud to announce the birth of son Cash Gilbert.

Cash was born Dec. 8, 2020 at 2:01 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds 4.2 ounces and measured 19 ½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Clint and Melanie Sheets of Big Spring; Paternal grandparents are Debbie and Kevin Gilbert of Colorado City.

Cash was delivered by Dr. Burson. Cash was welcomed home by sibling Colt Gilbert.



## RECORDS

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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:  
Theodore Matthew Benge, 27, and Lisa Marie Maxwell, 31, both of Big Spring.  
William Raymond Dorey, 79, and Donna Kay Zacher, 76, both of Big Spring.

## District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Howard County Tax Office  
Defendant: CJ Fowler Properties LLC, Joe Fowler, Cynthia Fowler  
Type of Case: Tax Cases  
Date: December 7, 2020

Plaintiff: Tommy Hudgins  
Defendant: Latona Hudgins  
Type of Case: Divorce – No children  
Date: December 4, 2020

Plaintiff: TD Auto Finance LLC f/k/a Chrysler Financial  
Defendant: Jose J. Gonzalez  
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Date: December 4, 2020

Plaintiff: North Side Movement  
Defendant: Howard County Appraisal District  
Type of Case: Civil Case - other  
Date: December 7, 2020

Plaintiff: Elodia Martinez  
Defendant: Roberto Martinez  
Type of Case: Divorce – No children  
Date: December 7, 2020

Plaintiff: Lucy Raymond LTD and Dr. Manish Shroff  
Defendant: RRE Power, LLC  
Type of Case: Civil Case - other  
Date: December 7, 2020

Plaintiff: Camilla Arview  
Defendant: Valerie Vasquez  
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – motor vehicles  
Date: December 7, 2020

Plaintiff: Andrea Ruiz  
Defendant: Ricky Solis  
Type of Case: Protective Order – No divorce  
Date: December 8, 2020

Plaintiff: Melony Lara  
Defendant: Fabian Lara  
Type of Case: Divorce - children  
Date: December 8, 2020

Plaintiff: Td Auto Finance, LLC f/k/a Chrysler Financial  
Defendant: Mark Blythe  
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Date: December 8, 2020

Plaintiff: Td Auto Finance LLC, f/k/a Chrysler Financial  
Defendant: Micaela Martinez  
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Date: December 6, 2020

Plaintiff: Michael Bagwell  
Defendant: Katherine Bagwell  
Type of Case: Divorce – Children  
Date: December 9, 2020

## Warranty Deeds

Grantor: David Buchanan and Tina Flores FKA Tina Buchanan  
Grantee: Jeffrey Huddleston  
Property: A tract in Lot 8, block 12, Kentwood Unit No. 1, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

according to proper plat of said addition on file in the office of the county clerk of Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 24, 2020

Grantor: Manuel Martinez and Lori Martinez  
Grantee: Donovan Kole Barber and Carli Rose Barber  
Property: Lot 4, block 4 Foster subdivision out of Section 47, block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 30, 2020

Grantor: Brian Mathews as his sole and separate property  
Grantee: Eric Escamilla  
Property: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land located and situated in Howard County, Texas as described as follows: 4.3 acres of land out of Section No. 44, block No. 32, Township 1-North, T&P Ry. Co. Survey Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 24, 2020

Grantor: David Lefever and Rhonda Lefever  
Grantee: George Yancey and Lori Yancey  
Property: A 2.18 acre tract more or less in the SW/4 of Sec. 32, block 32, T-1-S T&P Ry. Co. Survey Howard County Texas described by metes and bounds.  
Date: November 25, 2020

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes, Inc.  
Grantee: Shay Long and Shelby Long  
Property: Being a 2.08 acre tract of land out of the remainder a 49.14 acre tract out of Section 35, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas and being described by metes and bounds.  
Date: November 10, 2020

Grantor: Judy Mann, Charlotte Burson, Eddie Gene Mann, Jr. and Nancy Rich  
Grantee: Jacob Marquez and Tanya Marquez  
Property: Being out of and part of a certain 13.2 acre tract out of Section No. 44, block No. 32, Township 1, North, T&P Ry Co Survey in Howard County, Texas heretofore conveyed by B.P. Boydstrun et ux to J.B. Pickle, through deed recorded in Volume 127 Page 225, Deed Records of Howard County Texas, the parcel here conveyed being the East 50 feet of the following described 2 ½ acre parcel of said land  
Date: November 17, 2020

Grantor: Life Church of Big Spring  
Grantee: Christopher Rios and Erica Rios  
Property: S 25' of Lots 9-12, original town of Big Spring, Texas also know as 111 Main Street  
Date: November 23, 2020

Grantor: Verlin Wayne Harrington and Stacy Michelle Harrington  
Grantee: Old Big Spring Property LLC  
Property: Lot 9, block 22, McDowell Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to proper plat of record (1706 Scurry St. Big Spring, Texas 79720)  
Date: December 1, 2020

Grantor: Lonnie O. Smith AKA Lonnie Smith  
Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum  
Property: Tract 1: Lots 1,3 and 4, block 4, Clanton Addition to the City of Big

Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: Being the N/2 of Lot 2 and the S/2 of Lot 2, block 4, Clanton Subdivision, a replat of parts of Tract 12 and 13 of the Kenneback Subdivision, section 12, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County Texas according to the survey dated March 1, 2011 prepared by Bradshaw and Associates RPLS and according to the map or plat filed in Envelope 20/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: December 2, 2020

Grantor: Alexander Rodriguez  
Grantee: Liliana Ortiz  
Property: Lot 12, block 7, Boydston Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in the Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 18, 2020

Grantor: Daniel Perez  
Grantee: Armando Alaniz Jr  
Property: Lot 6, block 1, Bowser Addition, Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
Date: October 22, 2020

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes, Inc.  
Grantee: Nathan Walter Greer and Amie Leigh Greer  
Property: Being a 2.03 acre tract of land out of the remainder a 49.14 acre tract out of Section 35, block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas and being described by metes and bounds.  
Date: November 10, 2020

Grantor: Max F. Moore DBA Moore Properties  
Grantee: Elrod Hobbs, LLC  
Property: Being a 0.032 of an acre tract of land out of a NW corner of a 0.156 of an acre tract of land out of Section 4, block 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas more particularly described by metes and bounds.  
Date: December 2, 2020

## Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Ace Nieto and Stephanie Rios  
Grantee: Esthela Ornelas Villarreal  
Property: Lot 7, block 2, La Loma Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in envelope 65/A, plat records, Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 20, 2020

Grantor: John Lawdermilk and

Melanie Lawdermilk  
Grantee: Denver Austin Clinkscales and Mallory Clinkscales  
Property: Being a 10.0 acre tract of land out of the North part of Tract 7 out of the NE part of Section 105, block 29, W & N.W. RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described.  
Date: November 20, 2020

Grantor: Lippincott Construction LLC  
Grantee: Vicki L. Bustamante  
Property: All of Lot 1, block 3, West Cliff Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat on file in the plat records of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 23, 2020

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes Inc.  
Grantee: Dustin Jared Martin  
Property: The East half of lot 14, and all of Lot 15, block 2, Section 1 Village at the Spring Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in envelope 113/A, Plat records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: November 25, 2020

Grantor: Clay Harris  
Grantee: Jeffery Deslaurier  
Property: Lot 13, block 5, replat of Lots 2 to 9 inclusive, block 4 and replat of block 5  
Date: November 25, 2020

Grantor: Maria De La Rosa not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is sole and separate property and does not constitute any part of any homestead  
Grantee: KBAB Properties, LLC  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 2, in block No. 62, original town to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 10/A Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: November 24, 2020

Grantor: John B. McCullough Jr. and Cynthia McCullough, a married couple  
Grantee: Melissa Ann Thomas and Daniel B. Thomas, wife and husband  
Property: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 14 Washington Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 102/B Plat Records, Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 28, 2020

Grantor: Brianne Rene Rich, now known as Brianne Morris, not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is sole and

separate property and does not constitute any part of the homestead  
Grantee: Malissa Garcia and Alfred Garcia  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 1, in block No. 15, Kentwood Addition Unit #2, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 61/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 30, 2020

Grantor: Stephen Wallace  
Grantee: Favian Andrew Urias III  
Property: Being the N/51' of Lots 11 and 12, block 29, Amended Cole & Strayhorn Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 30, 2020

Grantor: Shelby Lefever and Haley Lefever  
Grantee: Brittany Kay Bakley  
Property: Being Lot 9, block 1, Jerald Smith Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 95/A Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: December 1, 2020

Grantor: Setor K. Akati and Nneka Nnamdi  
Grantee: Quorcindra Lewis  
Property: Being lot 4, block 2, Wright's Second Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 107/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 30, 2020  
Grantor: Romedal LLC  
Grantee: Rosemary A. Knecht  
Property: Surface Estate Only: Being Lot 6, block 11, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof of record in the Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: December 1, 2020

Grantor: Sakip Jaha and Ismail Jaha  
Grantee: Eliza Garcia  
Property: Surface Estate Only: All of Lot No. 15 and the North 3, Feet N/3' of Lot No. 14, in block No. 7, Washington Place Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat record in Envelope 103/A Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 029-2020 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 BY INCREASING THE UTILITY FUND BUDGET TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO BE USED FOR A NEW SERVER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#10730

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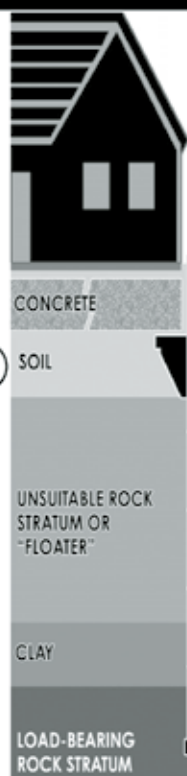
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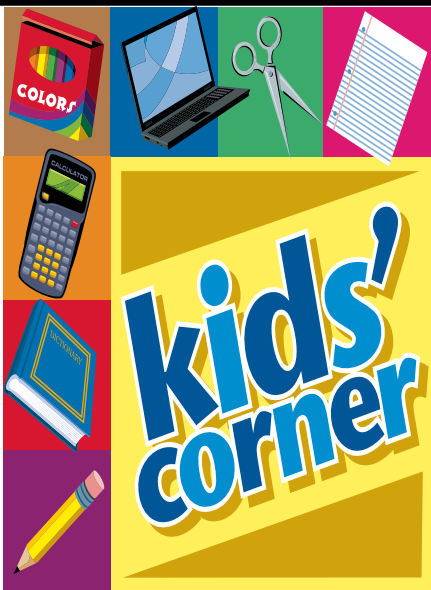
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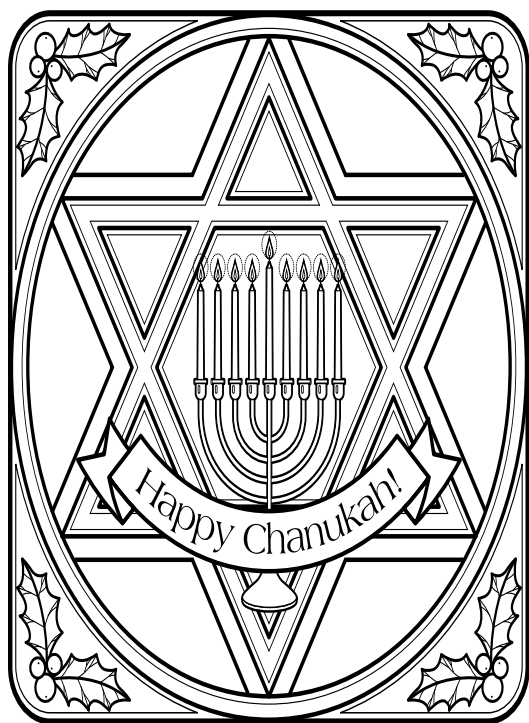
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Annie's Mailbox

Sweetness Given but Not Returned

**Dear Annie:** Each year, my family celebrates Thanksgiving and Christmas with my parents and my brother's family. When I was a teenager, my grandma taught me how to make her special holiday dishes that have been our family tradition for many years. Eventually, my grandma was no longer able to cook, and later, she passed away, so I took over for her to keep these family traditions alive. Most everyone seems to enjoy the food, and they are very thankful that I carry on these traditions, especially for the younger generation, who I plan to teach during my lifetime. It makes our holidays extra special.

my refrigerator for my parents. They knew I planned to make them a special meal but could not tell me that their friends are now bringing the main courses. I feel they do not appreciate what their daughter is doing and only care about their friends.

Do you have any suggestions on how I should deal with this holiday meal letdown every year? All I want to do is cook and bake with the love my grandma showed me many years ago when she taught me how to make her recipes. The rest of my family appreciates what I do, but my parents only seem to appreciate what people besides me do for them. -- Holiday Heartbroken

**Dear Holiday Heartbroken:** It seems as if consideration, manners and kindness skipped a generation. Perhaps your mother is jealous of the bond you and your grandmother had, which could explain why she is acting so dismissive of your hard work and efforts, especially if she is not a great cook herself. Also, your parents seem to want to impress their friends with fake compliments. Raving over store-bought cupcakes and not even acknowledging your homemade pumpkin pie is ridiculous.

This type of parental behavior is painful. The best way to deal with it is to first to acknowledge it, which you did by writing this letter, and then to understand that we cannot control other people's actions toward us; we can only control our response. So, understand that your mom must be unhappy about something if she is treating you in such a manner. Try to focus on all the other family members who appreciate what you do.

You might want to consider having a straightforward conversation with your parents. They might not even be aware of how their actions make you feel. Sometimes it is easier to take the people we are closest to for granted, and it is our job as family members to communicate hurt feelings.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

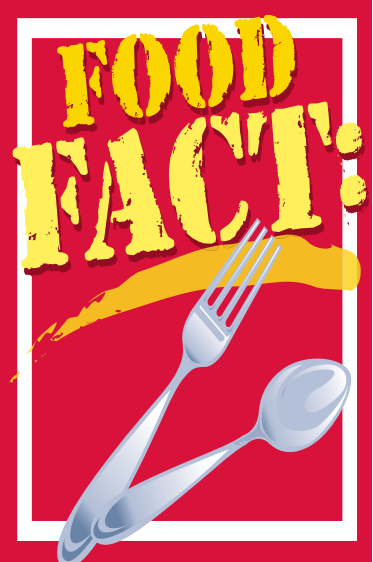
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The problem I have occurs each year when my parents invite their friends to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. None of us mind the extra company or the fact that they spend the day with us. However, the last few holiday dinners, I have come away sad or disappointed because of my parents' actions.

Last Thanksgiving, it made me very sad to see my mom talk about how wonderful the store-bought cupcakes one of her friends brought were but not even acknowledge the time I took to bake Grandma's pumpkin pie. I do have to say Grandma's recipe is delicious.

This year, due to COVID-19, I informed my parents and brother that I would deliver Thanksgiving dinner to them. They seemed very excited, and I purchased separate turkeys and all the ingredients. I wanted to send them the perfect meal since we are not able to be together. My brother was very thankful. My parents and I had tentative times set for when I would drop off their meal.

Today, I was blindsided when my parents' friend called to tell me that they are joining my parents for dinner and they plan to bring the turkey and stuffing. They bragged about how good the food will be because they are buying it from a gourmet restaurant. By the end of the conversation, I had no other choice but to say that I decided not to bake the turkey I thawed in

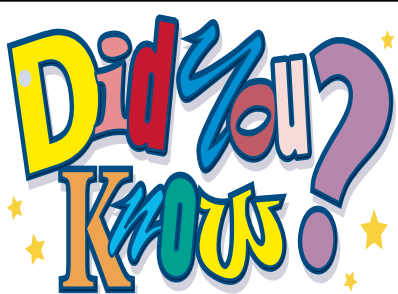


MANY FOODS SERVED DURING CHANUKAH ARE COOKED IN THIS INGREDIENT TO REPRESENT THE CHANUKAH MIRACLE.

ANSWER: OIL

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Miracle
- SPANISH:** Milagro
- ITALIAN:** Miracolo
- FRENCH:** Miracle
- GERMAN:** Wunder



THE SHAMASH IS THE ATTENDANT CANDLE THAT IS USED TO LIGHT THE OTHER CANDLES ON THE MENORAH. TRADITIONALLY IT SITS HIGHER OR LOWER THAN THE REST.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: POTATO LATKES

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The evasion principle

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 Pass Pass 1♠ Pass  
 3♠ Pass 4♠  
 Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Assume you're declarer with the South hand at four spades, and West leads the queen of clubs. How would you play the hand?

When the deal occurred, declarer won the club lead with the ace, cashed the Q-K of spades, then finessed the queen of diamonds, losing to the king. East shifted to the jack of hearts, and three tricks later South found himself down one.

Declarer was certainly unlucky to find East with the king of diamonds and West with the ace of

hearts, but, even so, the fact is that he did not play the hand to best advantage. To virtually assure the contract, he should have allowed West's queen of clubs to win the first trick!

This play costs nothing in terms of tricks, since declarer still scores both of his club winners. More importantly, though, it ensures that East, the dangerous opponent, will never gain the lead for a potentially killing heart shift before South can score 10 tricks.

Let's say West continues with a club at trick two. South takes the ace, plays the A-Q of trump and discards a diamond on the king of clubs. Declarer then cashes the ace of diamonds and continues with the jack.

If East covers with the king, South ruffs, leads a spade to dummy and discards a heart on the diamond ten, thus losing only two hearts and a club to finish with ten tricks. If East does not cover the diamond jack, South discards a heart and achieves the same result.

If West has the king of diamonds, the outcome is no different. After South discards a heart on the diamond jack, West wins but is helpless. He can cash the heart ace at this point or can wait until later to get it. Either way, declarer loses only a club, a diamond and a heart, but in keeping with his plan from the start, he is certain to wind up with 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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SUDOKU

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			4					6

Fun By The Numbers

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Hazards of a Mercury and Neptune Square

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The lesser of two evils is still evil. Add to the lineup of comparatives. Throw in a saintly option and an intellectual one. Don't pigeonhole your own personality by only allowing yourself certain offerings.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You look to the ending before you even start a thing. If you see potential, you'll proceed with the end always in mind, to some degree. That part of your brain magnetized to the destination will be your guiding light.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The tendency is to take one true fact and extend it to encompass an entire body of information that may not be true at all. It will be worthwhile to take on and dissolve your bias, as assumptions could cause a crucial miss.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The secret to wisdom will be patience. Reactive decisions have a good chance of being wrong or shortsighted. Sit with

information, and let it soak in. Make people wait for your answer.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** A person's true character is often revealed in how they face adversity, and in how well they work with others and adapt as necessary. If you want to learn a lot about a person quickly, move furniture together.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Innate traits aren't a prison. You'll work on molding a quality you were born with into a form that is more useful and applicable to the person you want to be and the life you want to live.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Practice until you get so good at a thing that it comes automatically to you. Once your mind and body are in sync, a different mind takes over -- a creative state that allows you to operate at higher levels of the task.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** It is human nature to covet what is elusive. You've been on both sides of it. Today you've the chance to be a little mysterious to someone -- to create

the space that will cause them to fantasize about you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The enemy of learning is pride. The other culprit is an aversion to loss that holds one back from trying and risking failure. Keep your ego out of it and you'll turn mistakes into lessons and, ultimately, victories.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The hope of fast money is a lure into situations that are not quite right for you. What would you do if money weren't part of the equation? Is there a way or degree to which you can do that with your current finances?

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Don't discount the strategy of doing nothing. It is sometimes the best available move, and

brings a windfall. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 37 and 49.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The difference between the way a computer plays chess and a human chess master plays is that the human generally has a plan, while the computer looks at each move for all of its independent probabilities. The human is typically reluctant to give up on a plan, whereas a computer acts only on the current circumstances. Computers now regularly beat the masters, though one might argue that, in a game played by strict number crunching and no sense of history, strategy and follow-through, the elegance and drama of the game are lost. Mercury squared Neptune brings awareness to the flawed beauty of a human approach, especially seen against the contrast of a digital landscape.

The other aspect coloring this week is a solar eclipse and new moon in Sagittarius, the realm of wistful horizons and greener grasses beyond one's

own fence. It recalls the role of jealousy in a world where we willfully blast the minutia of our lives to the general public. Envy is a hint, a nudge toward secret or undefined wants. However, excessive comparisons to other people are pointless. Those ideas are theirs -- what they chased after to make themselves happy. Feel envious? Take the gift. It's your heart speaking up. Listen, and then turn your head back to manifesting in your own life.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** If you are bringing out someone's competitive nature, take a different tactic. It is easier to deal with people who feel they are already winning. They'll have fewer defenses.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 13).** Your efforts will be joined. Mentors, teammates, timing and luck will play their part to catapult your project to success. Because you nurture your relationship with all those entities, you remain in the graces of the fates. You can afford to take risks in the name of justice, truth and beauty. May

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The Sagittarian sun influence in Taylor Swift is represented in her fearless genre shifting. Sagittarius energy is one of exploration and restlessness. More of the story is told through Mercury, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune in Capricorn, the sign of ambition, power, business savvy and drive. Venus in Aquarius reveals that philanthropy will be even more of a calling in years to come.

Write Holiday Mathis at [HolidayMathis.com](http://HolidayMathis.com).

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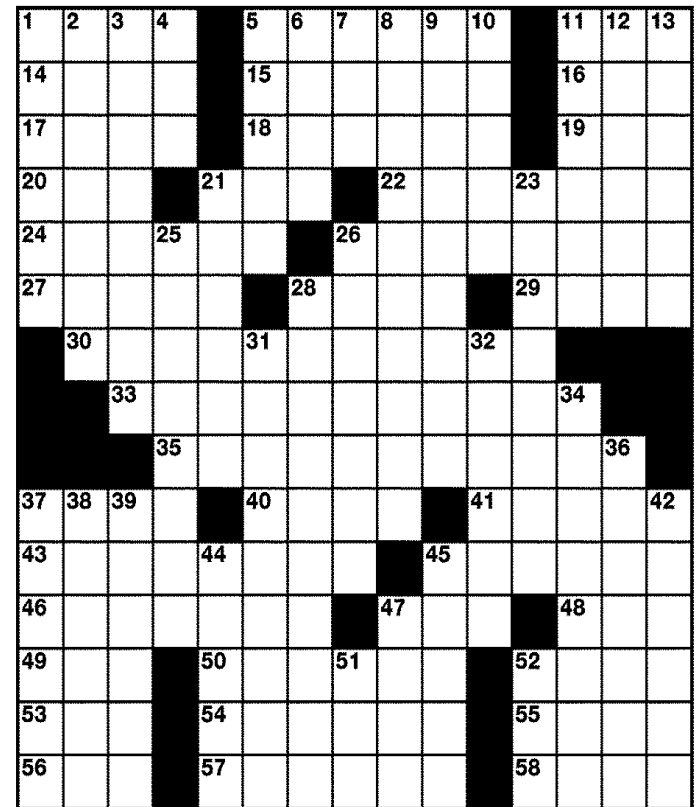
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Where many Bedouins live
- 5 OK to take in
- 11 2010 monogram
- 14 Certain internal intensity
- 15 Get under your skin
- 16 Fight-song encouragement
- 17 Rural art "canvas"
- 18 Air conditioner accessory
- 19 DXXX fraction
- 20 Kid from/in Brooklyn
- 21 Decline in integrity
- 22 Disney bride of '89
- 24 Certain internal intensity
- 26 Bard's players
- 27 Ribs on standard umbrellas
- 28 Beyond buzzed
- 29 Study too much, with "out"
- 30 "Walking" jazz style
- 33 Nectar-loving birds
- 35 It's not important
- 37 Fading star
- 40 Groundhog Day, in '21
- 41 Pier group
- 43 More than a quarter
- 45 Small part
- 46 Fraudulence
- 47 Investment newsletter rating
- 48 Oldest US tech school
- 49 Meditation session

- 50 Swing-stopping device
  - 52 Soft \_\_
  - 53 Orderliness
  - 54 Have a bite with them
  - 55 Zither cousin
  - 56 \_\_ paper
  - 57 *Bébé*
  - 58 Exemplar of circulation
- DOWN**
- 1 Quick dismissal
  - 2 Common umbrella holders
  - 3 Leaving nothing out
  - 4 It means "innovative"
  - 5 It's just not right
  - 6 Many a *Les Miz* performance
  - 7 Inventor of the UPC
  - 8 Pineapples' family
  - 9 Tomorrow, for instance
  - 10 Collectible crystal containers
  - 11 Hard to grasp
  - 12 Word from the Greek for "egg"
  - 13 Was a rebuker
  - 21 Course with a twist
  - 23 Type of track
  - 25 Ion used in plating
  - 26 Deluged with documents, in legalese
  - 28 Essence of Polonius' advice
  - 31 Oral arrangement
  - 32 Something taken home
  - 34 Part of Polo's path
  - 36 Kipling story's "sandy" subject
  - 37 Acknowledges, in a way
  - 38 "Elevate Your Table" sloganeer
  - 39 Plane path
  - 42 Disagreeably sharp
  - 44 Directive at a table
  - 45 Brats, for instance
  - 47 Rural art "canvas"
  - 51 "Quit clipping me!"
  - 52 Person who's somewhat astonished



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A keeper for holiday dessert trays

The holiday season is a time when families across the globe look forward to the traditions they've passed down from generation to generation. Holiday baking is one such tradition in many families. From cookies and pies to brittles and fudge, there's no shortage of sweet treats come the holiday season. But who's recipe collection couldn't benefit from another delicious addition? That's just what can be found in "Toffee Cheesecake Bars" from "Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook" (RDA Enthusiast Brands) by the Taste of Home/Reader's Digest Kitchens.

Toffee Cheesecake Bars

Makes 2 1/2 dozen

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- 1/2 cup cold butter
- 1 8-ounce package reduced-fat cream cheese
- 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups milk chocolate English toffee bits, divided

1. In a small bowl, combine the flour, confectioners' sugar, cocoa and baking soda. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press in the bottom of an ungreased 13-inch x 9-inch baking dish. Bake at 350 F for 12 to 15 minutes or until set.
2. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add the milk, eggs and vanilla; beat until smooth. Stir in 3/4 cup toffee bits. Pour over crust. Bake 18 to 22 minutes longer or until center is almost set.
3. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining toffee bits; cool completely. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours overnight.

Answer to previous puzzle  
 MMC EGG IMMAD  
 MAUL WAR NOONE  
 INDONESIA IAKENYA  
 SIENA MCS  
 SLEEVED HAYWIRE  
 MALDIVES ECUADOR  
 ORA ARENA  
 GABONUGANDA  
 STOLI DIAM  
 KIRIBATI SOMALIA  
 TICETIME PRELIMS  
 BLT MUMPS  
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The Pet Connection's Pet Talk Where People and Pets Connect

## Reputable Breeder, backyard breeder or puppy mill

By MELANIE GAMBRELL

Pet Care Specialist

There's been much discussion on what sets a reputable breeder from a backyard breeder from a puppy mill. When considering purchasing a puppy you want to consider several factors before making a hasty decision and then regretting it later. Some things to think about: First, the cost of the breed you're interested in buying; Second, will my living arrangements permit me to have this type of breed? (ie: permission from the landlord); Thirdly, do I have the time required to devote to a pet right now, training, housebreaking, etc.; Fourth, is everyone in my household agreeable to getting a pet right now; Fifth, can I afford a pet at this time, vaccinations, spaying/neutering, illness; Sixth, does the town, city or county have ordinances that might permit me from owning a certain breed (requirements, city pet license, breed ban, leash laws, tethering laws, etc); Seventh, does my age play a factor, out living my pet (will my family care for it or dump it at the shelter);

Here are just a few questions you should be asking yourself before bringing a four-legged family member into your home. When you look at purchasing a pet we need to keep in mind they are our responsibilities and some smaller breeds may live 18 to 20 years. Ask yourself, are you ready for that type of commitment?

Research first the breed of dog you are interested in. If your looking at a high drive or high energy dog (Golden, Husky, or Shepherd) for example, these dogs need lots of running room or activity. If you live in an apartment, then this breed may not be best suited for your living arrangements. These type of breeds, Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever, German Shepherd, Siberian Husky, Hunting Breeds, need a job to do, they need a purpose, something to keep them occupied. Do you have a fenced in yard or a dog park where your dog can get daily exercise? You might want to consider a less active breed and go with something smaller to accommodate your housing arrangements, maybe a Dachshund or miniature pinscher, maybe even a chihuahua. If considering a breed such as a poddle, schnauzer, cocker spaniel, shih tzu or another breed that will need a groomer on a regular basis you might want to weigh the cost of grooming into your budget. As a groomer for 15 years, I can tell you grooming on a regular basis as required can be quite costly. It's not fair to any breed to take them in once a year to have them shaved down because of mats. That's not only cruel to the dog, but hard on the groomer as well.

When trying to decide on where to purchase your fur-ever friend, look at what the breeder is offering you for your money. If you are looking at a reputable breeder, they will offer so much more and will have you and your pet's best interest in mind. Do your research and ask questions when talking to a breeder. A reputable breeder will ask questions themselves and most do a background check on the buyer.

Why do you ask? This is to make sure the dog is going to a loving home and that it won't end up at the shelter the first time it pees on your floor. A reputable breeder will ask the same questions that you should have asked yourself; Can I afford a pet, Do I have enough space for this type of breed, Does everyone in the house agree with getting a pet. Not only will they visit with you about the breed, but they will also have you sign a contract saying if you can not care for an animal any longer the animal comes back to them. They will also include a spay and neuter contract for said animal. A reputable breeder had made sure their line, the pedigree has met all the health requirements for that breed. They will prior to breeding make sure that you are getting a sound dog with no hereditary health problems. Your larger breed dogs, Golden Labs, Sheps, and others are prone to a hereditary hip disease called Hip Dysplasia as well as elbow and joint problems. Hip Dysplasia is among the most common health problems that you'll see in these breeds. The cost to correct such a problem can cost between \$1,500 to \$5,000 depending on the severity. Cancer is high also in the Golden Retriever breeds, the estimate death rate is 56% in females and 66% in males. This is just a couple of things to consider when talking to a breeder. What measures have they taken to make sure you are getting a sound dog?

I can speak to this personally about health requirements, I was new to have an AKC registered Golden Retriever. I was given a puppy from a backyard breeder who like myself had not researched the breed or characteristics of the breed. As my boy began to get older, around 8 years of age, I started noticing he was having problems getting up and down, walking and didn't want to run and play as normal. I read up about Hip Dysplasia and made an appointment for an x-ray of his hips. After reviewing his x-rays and sending them off to get an OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) certification on his hips, it came back he had severe hip dysplasia. OFA has seven ratings to determine a dog's hip determi-

nation - Excellent, Good, and Fair. These ratings are considered normal ratings for hips. However, when you get a rating of borderline, mild, moderate or severe those are regarded as dysplastic. Unfortunately the backyard breeder let myself and my dog down by not first having the parents checked and certified prior to breeding. Now you'll run across backyard breeders that will tell you they can look at their dogs and tell they don't have hip dysplasia which is just not true, only through an x-ray can hip dysplasia be determined after the age of 2 years.

I followed up the x-ray with a surgeon in Lubbock to do total hip replacement. After another x-ray not only did my Golden Retriever Buckshot have severe hips, but he also had cancer in his pelvis. So, I caution anyone looking to purchase any breed of dog, know the breed history and buy from a reputable breeder.

Reputable breeders will guarantee the health of their dogs. They will have all required vaccinations due for the dogs age; dogs will come with AKC, CKC or UKC registration papers (at no extra cost). They breed not for the money, but they breed to better the line. They also rescue their breeds from shelters. You will find that reputable breeders will charge more for their dogs than backyard breeders. Backyard breeders price their dogs low to sell them quickly, but will charge less than your pet stores that carry the puppy mill pets to make a larger profit.

Backyard breeders in most cases do not screen potential buyers, they are just happy they sold or gave away a pup. You'll see ads from these breeders in the classified or on social media, and they'll try to have puppies out for the Christmas holidays. Backyard breeders are generally the neighbor next door breeding their family dog. Note, responsible breeding is simply more than putting two dogs together, says Paws.org. You may also hear them say, "I'm breeding my dog because I want one of his or her pups!" Depending on the breed, average size litter for dogs is five to six and for cats is three to five.

As documented by North Shore Animal League, each day over 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in the USA. According to the animal shelter stats in 2017, 5,500 animals are killed every day; 1.5 million animals in shelters were killed; 670,000 dogs and 860,000 cats as reported by Google.

Most backyard breeders will not guarantee the health of their animals, and it's buy at your own risk. If an animal dies the only recourse they'll do is give you another pup from the next litter and hope for the best. There is no home visit or contract agreement. Some backyard breeders, if the dog is registered, AKC, CKC or UKC, will try to charge for the registration papers. Many purebred dogs/puppies are sold without registration papers. This might mean the breeder is breeding unregistered dogs. Ask questions, you need to know what you are buying. Some breeders will try and tell you if you're not showing the dog you don't need papers. Don't be naive; ask to look at the pedigree on the parents of your soon to be family member. This is a violation of their agreement with the registration organization and if caught could lose their certifications. If you purchase any registered animal the papers come with that dog at no extra cost and should be available at the time you pick up the dog. Registration papers should have been applied for at the time puppies were born. I would also ask to see the parents registration papers also. Any dogs that had an OFA Certification prior will show parents and relatives of the new dog on the registration papers. You can search OFA by kennel name, part of the dog's name, breed, etc, and find out valuable information about your dog.

Puppy mills or puppy farms are definably the absolute worse and are nothing more than a commercial breeding facility. Puppy mills breed several different breeds of dogs and cats and these poor ani-

mals are kept in deplorable conditions just to make a quick buck. These are the animals that you'll find online or in pet stores. Puppy mill animals live in overcrowded kennels, living in their own feces and waste. These poor animals live in wire cages 24/7 never to touch the soft ground or grass. They are left out in extreme temperatures, from cold to hot, from wet to dry. These breeding dogs are there for only one reason and that's to make the breeder money. After they can not produce their quota's of litters most are taken out and shot or left in a pen to die of starvation. Once they stop making money for the breeder they are now an expense and are expendable. These animals are mass produced with no health screenings, no medical attention, so buyer beware. About 90% of puppies you see in pet stores are a product of puppy mills. Sadly, these commercial breeding factories are selling purebred dogs or the designer dogs (these are nothing but a mix breed dog with a cute name) and they are charging you hundreds of dollars to purchase one. You can go right down to the local shelter and get the same mix breed dog. These breeding facilities will not allow you to see where dogs are kept and you'll get no guarantee your new best friend won't come with health issues.

So, looking at the difference in a reputable breeder who breeds to better the line and who's not in it for the money. Where the backyard breeder and puppy mill breeders choose profit over the animals health and welfare, who would you choose?

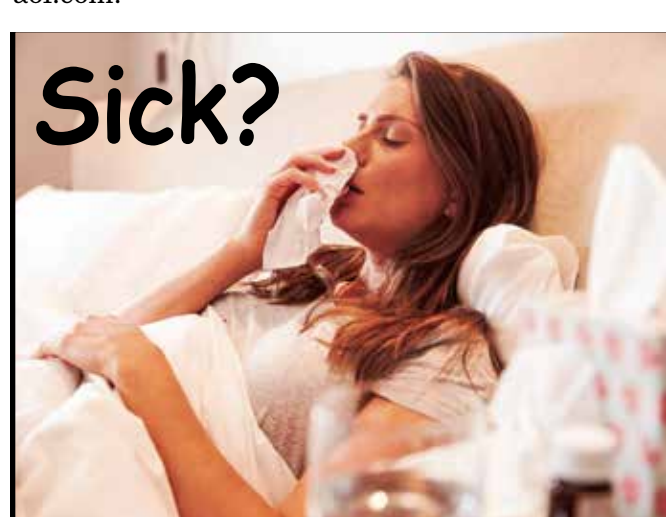
I'd like to give you another avenue to think about. Our shelters are over run with puppies/dogs, kittens and cats that at one time had a loving owner. Some of these were purchased from backyard breeders some were the product of irresponsible pet owners that didn't spay and neuter their pets. These animals were brought into this world by humans and now have been abandoned again by humans. Please look into your hearts to go to your local shelters and adopt a shelter animal. These animals are there because owners didn't do their homework and research the breed or what it takes to have a loving pet. Many of the dogs at the shelters are purebred dogs, many can be called designer dogs too.

Everyday we see posts of pets running at large in our cities. As a rescue and a rescuer we can not rescue our way out of this situation. We have got to stop the irresponsible behaviors of pet owners and spay and neuter our pets. When you owner surrender your pet to the shelter, did you know they will now be the first up to be euthanized? You have given your permission to relinquishing and signing over your pets for the shelter to do what they need to do. You now have taken away a kennel space for a dog/cat who truly needs the kennel.

I beg of you as a pet owner, please spay and neuter. Your pets will thank you and your community will thank you. Check out [www.fixwesttexas.org](http://www.fixwesttexas.org) for their next low cost spay and neuter clinic. Surgeries are scheduled each month by appointment for their mobile MASH style clinic.

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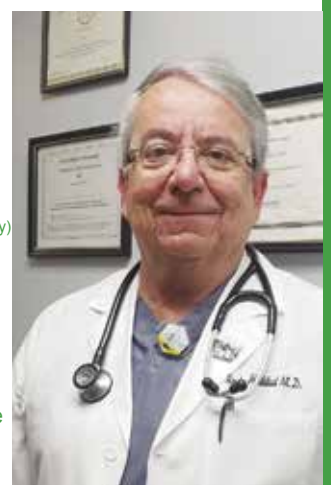
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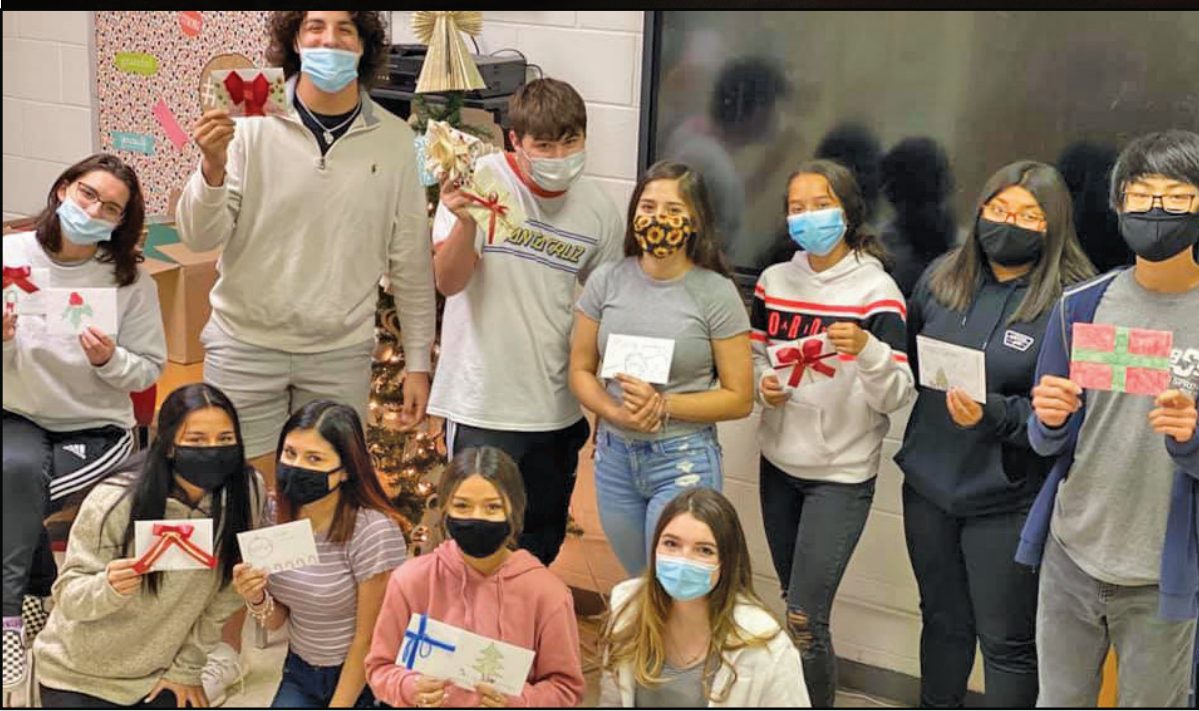
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Pictured above left: Big Spring High School Interior Design students took a moment to decorate cards and letters for the Operation Love Letter initiative that will deliver cards and letters to area nursing home residents.

Decorations have been placed in Tammie Cheatham's home as she awaits the arrival of Christmas this year.



Courtesy photo submitted by Linda Kaye Stallings  
A bright and colorful tree has gone up in the Stallings's home, as the holidays arrive in Howard County.

Courtesy photo submitted by Beverly Silen  
The iconic characters of Charlie Brown's Christmas are placed out in front of Beverly Silen's home. She is ready to ring in the Christmas Cheer.

Courtesy photo submitted by Taylor Rainey-Lara  
Taylor Rainey-Lara's home is festive with Christmas decor including a fully decorated Christmas tree which brings out a little bit of whimsical cheer to the home.



Courtesy photo submitted by Aide Moreno Buentello  
Pictured at left: It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the home of Aide Moreno Buentello. Christmas decor has started to get placed as Christmas Day draws near.

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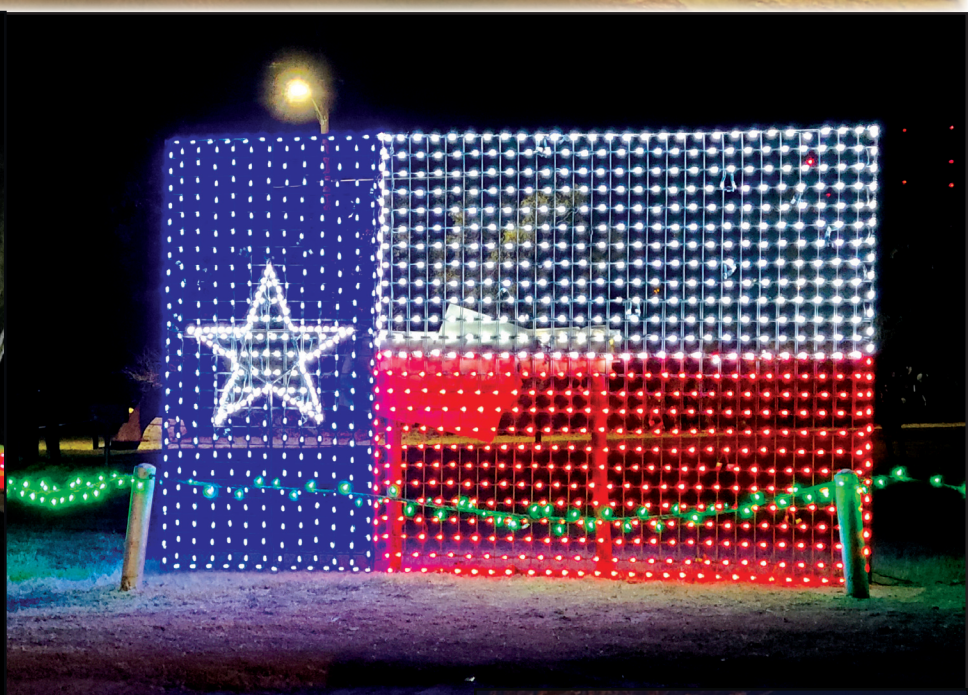
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