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County Commissioners to convene for the first meeting of the year

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners will meet on Monday, Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. in the first regular meeting of the Commissioners Court. The meeting will take place in the Third Floor Courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse.

The meeting will begin with District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson giving a presentation on electronic discovery concept and ask for consideration of proposal from Toshiba.

Following the presentation, Country Treasurer Sharon

Adams will deliver her regular reports including, personnel considerations and monthly payroll report. The discussion will once again focus on HealthyYOU vending machines. The last item on Adams report will include discussion and possible approval of FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) ending Dec. 31.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will follow with her request of approval for invoices, purchase requests and budget

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Greater Big Spring Rotary promoting perfect attendance in area schools with bike giveaways



By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Encouraging students to pursue and fully engage in their education is one of the many focuses the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club has in the Big Spring community. For the past 10 years, the club has been encouraging students when it comes to education and providing bicycles to two lucky students at each Big Spring ISD elementary campus as a reward for perfect attendance.

“As a club we want to help promote education, and help students understand the importance

of a good education,” Debbye Val-Verde, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Secretary, said.

At the end of each semester, at the respective campuses, students with perfect attendance get their name placed into a bucket to have an opportunity to take home a new bike. At each of the Big Spring ISD elementary campuses, two winners are selected at random.

“It’s great way for our club to be involved with our local school district and help encourage the

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Courtesy photos
Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members went to Moss and Goliad before the holiday vacation to present the bikes for perfect attendance. The other bicycles will be presented after the holidays.

Operation Zoe - The true spirit of giving overflows with generosity at Cornerstone Covenant



Courtesy photos
Cornerstone Covenant Church looked to continue a giving tradition - Operation Zoe - as the congregation members were tasked with bringing a toy donation. This year, the project took on a new life and was expanded to include the community and ended up with an abundance of toys after helping more than 250 families. Donations of toys, car seats, formulas, televisions, bikes, and more were donated by the community and congregation members.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

And from their hearts an abundance did flow ...

An annual tradition – a way of giving back – at Cornerstone Covenant Church took on a new life this year and the end result was more than any of the congregation members could have imagined. Operation Zoe has been taking place at Christmas time the past few years, but this year, the activity was opened to the public.

“This is a project we started several years ago. We ask the congregation to bring toys and boy did they,” Pastor Michael Willard said.

Combine the generosity of the con-

gregation and the community, along with a vision from a few of the church members, and Operation Zoe was turned into a Wintery Wonderland Toy Store. The event took place inside the Academic Resource Building (ARC building at the Cornerstone Covenant Church).

“We were able to serve about 250 to 270 kids with the generous donations from our congregation members,” Pastor Willard said. “Through the support of our community kids also enjoyed cookies and milk, and Goode Paty Events brought a few of their characters out for the kids to visit.”

An idea that originally was aimed at providing one toy to a child, exploded into children and families receiving

three or four gifts and some left over. The gifts included toys, clothing, baby items, car seats, formula, TVs, bicycles and so much more.

“Our congregation collected donations from Dec. 1 through the 17 and the generosity that was demonstrated was mind blowing,” he said. “It can be hard to shop for teens, but our congregation didn’t let them go forgotten. There were electronics, TVs, headphones and more for our teenagers too.”

As the community, and the nation, continues to go through a season where many families are worried about finances and dealing with the unknown, the spirit of giving has not been

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Take Note

• West Texas Centers will be hosting the January 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes twice in January. The classes will be held on Jan. 26, 2021 for Adult Mental Health First Aid, and Jan. 28, 2021 for Youth Mental Health First Aid. Both classes will be virtual.

• 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 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.

• The City of Big Spring recently announced that due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, all indoor city-owned rental facilities including our venue, The Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, will be closed for the rest of the year. With this announcement and with no other venue options that will properly social distance our musicians, we will be unable to kick off our season on Dec. 19 with our "Holiday Spectacular" Concert. Be watching our Facebook page, Symphony website (Bigspringsymphony.org), the Big Spring Herald, KBYG and KBST for further details and a new kick-off date for our season, appropriately entitled, "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony". Thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate through these unusual times. We hope to see you very soon. May you and your family stay safe and healthy through the rest of this Holiday Season!

• The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

• 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.

• Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at jennysales@yahoo.com.

• Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

• Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month at 421 Main Street. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

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

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

• The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

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

• St. Vincent de Paul will be open the following dates beginning November 2020. Food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other assistance will be suspended at this time, but will resume on Dec. 17. Distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building. In December 2020, the food distribution will continue the 2nd Thursday as scheduled. SVDP will be closed from December 18 through January 7, 2021.

• Permian Basin Multiple Sclerosis Support

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AG Paxton Sues City of Austin, Mayor of Austin, Travis County, and County Judge for Imposing Unlawful Shutdown Orders

AUSTIN – Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton today filed a petition for temporary injunction and temporary restraining order in Travis County District Court to halt enforcement of Austin Mayor Steve Adler's and Travis County Judge Andy Brown's orders, which impose a four-day shutdown of dine-in food and beverage services from 10:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., December 31 through January 3. The city and county orders violate Gov. Greg Abbott's Executive Order No. GA-32. Relief in this suit would provide swift and much-needed victory for the people and businesses of Travis County.

"Mayor Adler and Judge Brown do not have the authority to flout Gov. Abbott's executive orders by shutting down businesses in Travis County and our state's capital city," said Attorney General Paxton. The fact that these two local leaders released their orders at night and on the eve of a major holiday shows how much contempt they have for Texans and local businesses. They think breaking the law is a game of running the clock before anyone can do anything about it. Texas is a law-and-order state, and these are lives and livelihoods that are at stake. I'll continue to defend them against the arbitrariness of the mayor and county judge."

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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youth in the community. We are blessed to be able to provide these bicycles to the students each semester and see their faces when they are presented with the bikes," Troy Tompkins, Greater Big Spring Rotary Club member, said.

A few years ago, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club expanded the outreach program to the Intermediate School and offered water park passes and movie passes. In addition, the bike giveaways were also extended to Coahoma and Forsan ISDs as well.

In addition to the bike giveaways, the GBSRC also

sponsors the annual fishing tournament to help encourage kids to get outside while providing families an opportunity to make memories together in our local park.

"The youth of our community is our future, and the more we can invest into them and support them, the brighter their future and the community's future will look," ValVerde said.

Hayley Herrera, Service Project Chair for Greater Big Spring Rotary added, "This year has been a different year for everyone, especially for the youth in our community. As families began adjusting to social distancing measures in the schools and virtual learning opportunities, we wanted to

make sure we didn't leave out those who were virtual learning and helping to slow the spread. We wanted to make sure those students were included in these drawings as well because while they may have been doing virtual learning, they have still been completing their school work and showing up in an unprecedented time."

To find out how to become a member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club or help support their efforts, reach out to any of the club members.

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Pet Connections Pet Talk: Where people and pets connect

Welcoming home a new pet

By MELANIE GAMBRELL

Pet Care Specialist

Waggin Tails and Happy New Year! Congrats, you've now become a new dog mom or dog father to a bouncing, four legged bundle of joy. Here are some things to think about to get you and your new pup on the right track.

Usually when purchasing from a reputable breeder you have a certain number of days to get that little fur ball into your vet. I would strongly suggest doing this on any puppy/dog, kitten/cat, old or young no matter where you acquired them from. It's just good parenting to get a wellness check done by your vet. The veterinarian will make sure there are no surprises, heart murmurs, entropion (the turning inward of the borders of the eyelids), making sure vaccinations are up to date, etc. This will also bind the contract that you have with the reputable breeder and say that the animal you purchased is free of any noticeable health issues. When I am picking up a rescue this is the first thing I do. I will have a heartworm and ehrlichiosis snap test done and if it's an older dog I will do lab work to check liver and kidney functions. Not knowing if the animal has any previous vaccinations I will get them current for their age.

Now that we've seen our veterinarian it's time to gather up our puppy supplies to have on hand. I am a huge fan of crate training and when purchasing a crate my thoughts are to take into account the breed of dog. If you have a Golden Retriever puppy, for example, your baby will grow into a 90 pound lap dog. When I look at dog crates or pet taxis I look to purchasing it one time. For me, I don't want to have to go through the expense of buying crates as my dog grows. It may be costly right out of the pocket, but it will save in the long run. When buying a crate I highly recommend buying a solid, plastic kennel with a four way locking door. I am not a fan of wire kennels, too many dogs escape from those kennels and can injure themselves in the process. If you've ever looked at a box the wire kennel comes in it says to use only for pets that are kennel trained. When getting a dog crate make sure the crate allows for your dog to move around, lay down and stand without restrictions.

Pee pads are a must when bringing home that new bundle of joy. You can choose from lavender scent to non-scented. I would decide where my little one will be staying, either in the laundry room, bathroom, etc. and look into purchasing a puppy gate. These will always come in handy once you've decided where your dog will be staying for the time being. The puppy gates that I love at my house also have a second door at the bottom for my cats to come and go.

You will want to purchase a stain and odor remover for those unexpected accidents. Throughout the year, Nature's Miracle is my go to product. It's safe to use and it's a leave down product that eats the urine enzymes. A lot of puppy owners have trouble with housebreaking and most of the time it falls back on the product or lack of product you use to clean up their messes. A dog's sense of smell is from 10 to 100 times better than ours and for every scent receptor we have, a dog has about 50. So if you can't smell where they've urinated, you can sure bet they can. They will continue to return back to that spot to pee again.

Choose a name brand, high quality puppy food and your vet will be a good source for this. The higher quality of food the better the pet will do. Feeding a low quality of food like Ol Roy by WalMart doesn't contain any healthy protein, Beneful by Purina is full of corn, soy, and wheat, Kibble N Bits contains numerous synthetic dyes, hydrochloric acid or just fillers, you'll see the end result in your yard. Stay away from 4-D dog foods, Dead Dying, Disabled or Diseased. Check out the FDA's website for more information on 4-D. Research also shows we want to stay away from Grain Free foods unless prescribed by a veterinarian. There's been a link found by the FDA between Grain-Free foods and heart disease.

Don't forget to grab a correctly fitted collar or harness for your pet and while you are at it pick up an ID tag with your correct phone number and address. If you aren't able to get an ID tag, grab a black magic marker and write your phone number on the collar. When I take my rescue animals to be altered/ fixed/spayed/neutered, at that time I also microchip.

have the Commissioner accept the low bid and proceed with contract for RFB 202009 GRH CR 48, as well as the low bid for contract and change order for RFB 202010 GRH CR 15. He will also request permission to get a load of emulsion #2 for the year.

Klinksiek will ask permission to auction equipment and to accept the inter-local agreements with City of Coahoma and Coahoma ISD. There will also be a presentation of Grant Bill #1 made to the Commissioners Court before Klinksiek gives the roadway maintenance update.

The meeting is open to the public and can be attended in person.

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amendments. She will also seek to have the Commissioners Court accept the deed for Pocket Park purchase. Olson will also be seeking permission to seek bids for radio communication tower. Lastly, the Commissioners will look to approve the removal of disposed of fixed assets.

Commissioner for Pct. 2 Craig Bailey will lead discussion regarding possible action on South Mountain Tower bid to construct tower and necessary components.

Commissioner for Pct. 3 Jimmie Long will lead discussion and the possible approval of bonds for elected officials.

Before the meeting wraps up, Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will look to

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diminished.

"To see people come together to serve the community was amazing," Willard said. "Our congregation is already taking about how they are ready to do it again next year."

Willard continued, "This was truly something to behold, especially in this season."

To find out more about Cornerstone Covenant Church, visit the Facebook page or visit the website at cccbigspring.org. The church is located at 706 E. 12th.

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Some other useful and handy items are: rectal thermometer, Pepto-Bismol (liquid), kapectate (liquid), hydrogen peroxide, sterile saline wound wash or betadine, antibiotic ointment or cream, large gauze pads, rounded tip scissors, gauze, 3cc and 6cc syringes/eye droppers, turkey baster, honey, pediatric (no flavor), ace bandage, super glue, greenie pill pockets (great for giving pills), hot water bottle, terrain DOG Safety Light (motion activated, clip n go light), doctor's type bag to keep everything in. These are just a few of the items I keep on hand for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue.

In addition I have: large stretcher with wheels, walking body sling, adjustable walking harness, non slip dog boots, kevlar bite gloves, assorted muzzles, various sizes of pet crates, extended choke pole for captures, various live capture traps, nursing formulas, microwave heating discs, sterile suture material, various sizes of collars and leashes, stainless steel hemostats (great for pulling ear hair or removing stickers), various size nail trimmers, blood stop powder, blankets.

When owning a pet it's always best to prepare for just about anything. The above listing of items can help you be ready for just about anything your little furball might have happen to him or her. I would strongly suggest keeping your vet's number or emergency vet number posted on the refrigerator where it will be easily found in case of an emergency. Also the 24/7 Pet Poison Control Helpline is 1-800-222-1222 or online webPOISONCONTROL, both options are free.

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Alvin Marin, 83, died Thursday. Visitation January 10, 2020 with a vigil service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service at 10:00 January 11, 2020.

Marcelino Rangel, 86, of died Monday. Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Sunday, January 3, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a vigil at 7:00 PM. Services will be at 10:00 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Monday, January 4, 2021. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Irma Chapa, 56, died Monday. Viewing and visitation will be Monday, January 4, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a vigil service at 7:00 PM.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mauricio Hernandez, 66 of Big Spring died December 17, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheri Bailey, 51, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 11am-9pm on Friday, January 1, 2021 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 11am at Cornerstone Covenant Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jackie Murphree, 53, died Monday. No services will be held.



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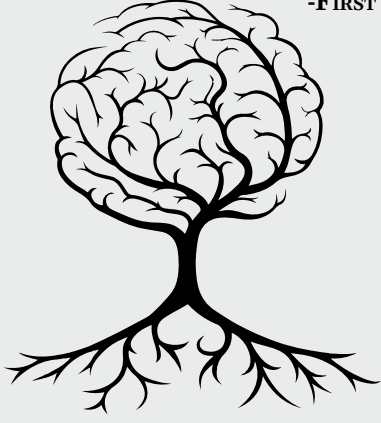
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Jody Nix celebrates 60 years of playing music

"I was born to play music. Country Music. Western Swing. It moves me, moves my soul. If I hear those fiddles start playing with a good steel guitar and good rhythm section my ears perk up. That's what I'm known for: a driving Texas dance beat. I want those people to dance to my music. If that floor isn't full, then I'm not doing my job."

Jody Nix lives on a farm near Big Spring that has been in his family nearly 100 years. His grandmother bought him a set of drums when he was 4. His father was Hoyle Nix, who had a popular western swing band. Jody started paying drums for his dad in 1960 when he was 8. Hoyle's drummer got sick and he asked Jody to help out for a gig at the American Legion in Brownfield. Two weeks later the drummer quit and Jody got the job. "I was a fulltime musician and going to school every day," says Jody.



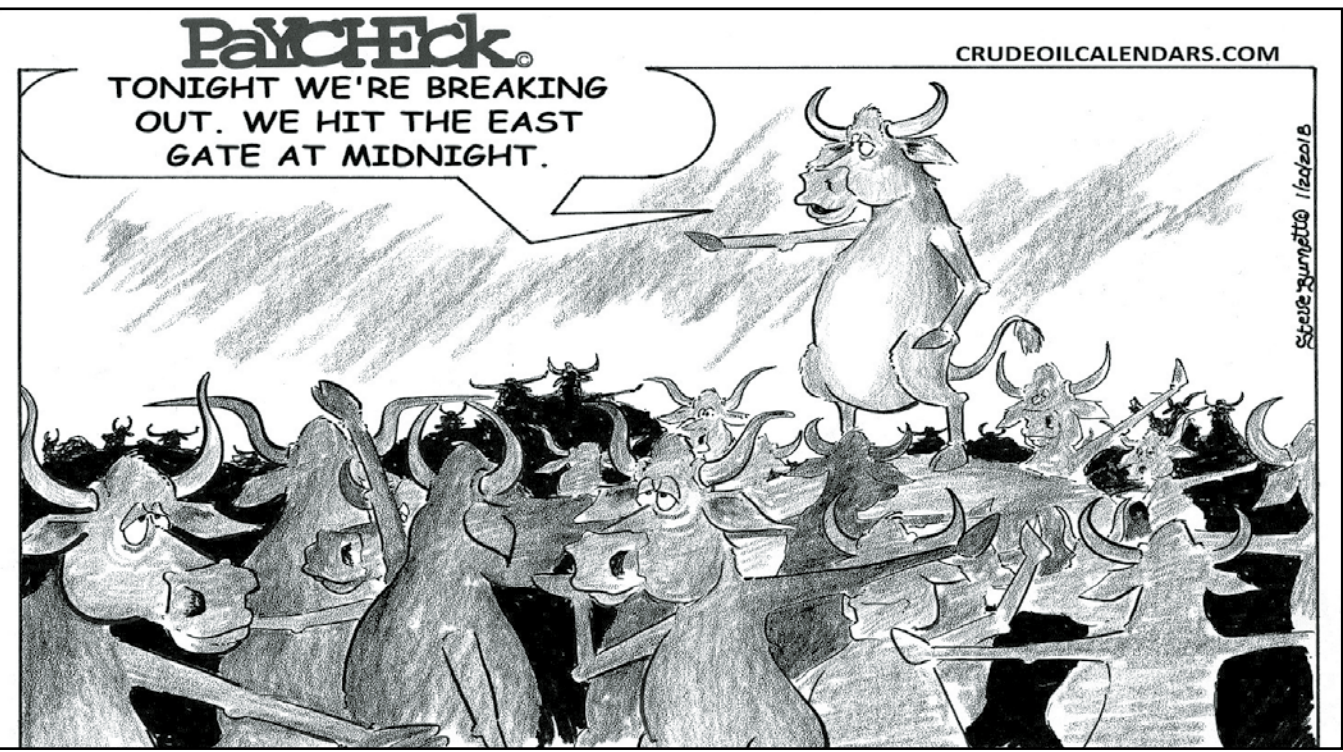
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"I'd go play somewhere with the band, get home about 3 AM, take a nap and go to school. Next day, same thing. We played 5 nights a week. I got to play with my dad 25 years." He started playing fiddle when he was 11. "I got my first full size fiddle for Christmas, 1963. My brother Larry taught me to play. New Year's Eve I was still drumming, but daddy called me up to play FADED LOVE in front of the whole crowd. That was the first time I played fiddle in public, New Year's Eve 1963."

He played it at THE STAMPEDE, a legendary dance hall Hoyle built in 1954. When Hoyle died in 1985, Jody took over. "It was either let everything go or try it. I didn't want to let it go." Faron Young, Ernest Tubb and other top ranked musicians asked Jody to be in their bands, but Jody stuck to his roots. He knew about the music side of things, but not the business side. But he learned. "Praise God it has worked," says Jody. "The longer I did it the easier it got. Here it is 35 years later and I'm still going and have people wanting us a year and a half away." He has played in

Nashville, Las Vegas, Branson and Washington DC, but he says most of his income comes from Texas. He and his band make 120 appearances a year and get invited back a lot. "I just celebrated playing the Bob Wills Day in Turkey, Texas my 45th year. I've played at the Stamford Rodeo 35 years straight." Jody plays left-handed, even though his fiddle is made for a right-handed player. "I don't know of many left-handed fiddle players except the one I was named after, Joe Holly. He played for Bob Wills. They called him Jody."

Jody has produced 11 albums, composed songs, is on satellite radio in strong rotation and played country swing for 60 years. One of his highlights was playing for the inauguration of George HW Bush in 1989. Another was playing drums for Bob Wills when he was 4 and again at 21. Another was when Gene Autry handed him a Western Wrangler award at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. He has won several honors, is in numerous music halls of fame and is the current Man of the Year in Big Spring, recognized by the Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet. "It is an honor beyond measure to have that title," says Jody.



Olympic gains?

Unkle Mort, age 108, said he was 'locked and loaded' to give me an earful when he called recently.

Reflecting on our lengthy conversation later, I decided he had unloaded at least two "earfuls," rapidly at 250 words per minute, with gusts to 300.

He had Olympic Games on his mind, but managed to include multiple topics during our "pow wow."

I never dreamed that my old uncle down in the thicket would ever become sensitive about his age, but he apparently has.

"Since I reached three digits nearly a decade ago, it seems to me column references could be to your 'aged uncle'," he suggested. "I never tell folks you are 83 and still trying to string words together for a column each week."

I responded that I would give it the old "college try," as opposed to the new one.

He was angry enough to call every member of the biggest moguls of the Olympic Games, but figured it would cost a heap to make international telephone calls.

"Why don't you write a column expressing how I feel, then I can organize a petition opposing radical changes approved for the 2024 Olympic summer games in Paris?"

I asked for details of his protest, and he relayed them with enthusiasm and rapidity.

"It's a slap in the face to the whole world," he moaned. "I just

can't believe the committee has approved wallclimbing, skateboarding and breakdancing."

Mort figures orthopedic surgeons may have influenced addition of these events, all of which provide many opportunities for broken limbs.

He's particularly incensed about breakdancing.

"Upon seeing youngsters breakdancing when it came along several years ago, I immediately thought of our hound dogs," Mort moaned. "When they wriggled around and contorted themselves like that, we gave 'em worm medicine."

My uncle also remembers dining on his and Maude's 75th anniversary cruise. He said a waiter dropped a tray of dishes and a bunch of kids started breakdancing.

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"It's that time of year," he said. "Finally, some of them are taking advice that I've been offering for 90 years or so. If they choose coaching as a career, they should always live in a home on wheels. They are "hired to be fired," he opined, saying that "they'll name a street for a coach one year, then chase him down it the next." It's hard to challenge his logic-at times, anyway.

His mention of mobile homes sent a shiver up and down my spine. It reminded me of employment during high school years at the now-defunct (as most are, of course) Sunset Drive-In Theatre in Early, near Brownwood.

One of my duties was to change the marquee, where plastic letters 18" tall were placed to identify the movies. It was a "no brainer" during warm months. I'd scale the ladder with ease, moving across the two-foot catwalk. It was in these months-or so it seemed-that titles would be short, such as Hud or E.T.

Sadly, conditions shifted greatly in the winter, when ice often covered the catwalk. There was nothing easy about the climb sliding over the ice-covered catwalk 20 feet above the ground. On such nights, movie titles always seemed to be lengthy, such as The Long, Long Trailer, a Lucille Ball laughter centered on a mobile home, or maybe it would be The Creature From the Black Lagoon. But, I have survived.

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Amen

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Coahoma Bulldogs snap six-game losing streak with 54-42 win over McCamey

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Isaiah Martin led the Bulldogs to a 54-42 victory over the McCamey Badgers on Tuesday and earned a game high of 20 points.

The outcome was a much welcomed victory for Coahoma and a good start following the Christmas holidays. Raheem Ashford, who earned 14 points throughout the game, put the first points on the scoreboard for the Bulldogs by nailing a basket. Ryan Shifflett quickly followed when he buried the first of two three-point baskets for the night.

With the additional help from Martin and Tony Hagins, Coahoma ended the opening quarter with a six point lead. The Bulldogs continued to hold the advantage throughout the rest of the game.

Shifflett ended the match with eight points total. D’Kota Harrison earned eight and Hagins got four.

Earlier in the JV Bulldogs won their match 35-29.

Next: Coahoma hosts Garden City on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. The JV team plays at 3:15 p.m. The Bulldogs have two non-district games remaining on their schedule.

McCamey: 12, 7, 7, 16 -- 42



Courtesy Photo

Ryan Shifflett pushes past a Badger defender.

Coahoma: 18, 10, 8, 18 -- 54

McCamey — M. Rose 8, S. Loya 6, D. Acosta 3, D. Guevara 14, I. Rubio 9, J. Jarmillo 2.

Coahoma — Isaiah Martin 20, Tony Hagins 4, Ryan Shifflett 8, Raheem Ashford 14, D’Kota Harrison 8.

Free Throws — McCamey 6-16, Coahoma 9-16; 3-Point Goals — McCamey 2 (Loya, Rubio), Coahoma 3 (Shifflett 2, Martin); Fouls — McCamey 16, Coahoma 12.

JV McCAMEY 29, JV COAHOMA 35

McCamey: 6, 8, 4, 11 -- 29

Bulldogs: 9, 8, 4, 14 -- 35

Coahoma — Wegner 2, Atkins 11, Freeman 4, Hernandez 6, Perkins 10, Whisenand 2.

Free Throws — McCamey 3-20, Coahoma 4-14; 3-Point Goals — Coahoma 1 (Perkins); Fouls — McCamey 10, Coahoma 14.

Bulldogettes stomp McCamey 61-18 for second straight win

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Within the first few minutes of play, Julia Cox struck first for the Bulldogettes when she buried a basket from behind the arc to bury Coahoma’s startroll over the McCamey Lady Badgers for a 61-18 victory.

Coahoma was effective in shutting down the McCamey offense for all four quarters. By halftime, the Bulldogettes hit the locker room with a comfortable 34-8 lead.

MaKynlee Overton led Coahoma in points amassing 18 all of which came in the first three quarters of play. Julia Cox earned 14 points for Coahoma including three three-pointers.

Rounding out the top Coahoma scorers was Katelyn Johnson who tallied four two-point baskets and four free throws for a total of 12 points. Isabella Cox got five points. Madison Rodgers, Brynn Rodgers, and Kenzi Canales all earned four points each.

In sub-varsity action, the JV Bulldogettes continued their win streak with an impressive 43-23 victory over McCamey. So far, the JV Coahoma girls squad has gone 7-1 this season.

Shae Lang and Cayhill Lewis led the JV Bulldogettes to victory with 16 points each. Karliegh Burt



Courtesy Photo

Kenzi Canales fights to keep the ball away from Lady Badger defenders.

tallied six and Analyse Mendoza nailed a 3-pointer in the third quarter. Delia Rawls got the last shot off in the quarter with a sweet 2-point basket at the buzzer.

Next: Coahoma (7-4) will host Garden City on Saturday, 4:30 p.m. The JV Bulldogettes will play at 2 p.m.

McCAMEY 18, COAHOMA 61.

McCamey: 6, 2, 4, 6 -- 18

Coahoma: 11, 23, 17, 10 -- 61

McCamey — Dominguez 3, Boham 2, Adams 2, Taloon 9, Mata 2.

Coahoma — Julia Cox 14, Madison Rodgers 4, Isabella Cox 5, Katelyn Johnson 12, Brynn Rodgers 4, Kenzi Canales 4, MaKynlee Overton 18.

Free Throws — McCamey 2-10, Coahoma 14-24; 3-Point Goals — McCamey 2 (Dominguez, Taloon), Coahoma 3 (J. Cox); Fouls — McCamey 17, Coahoma 12.

JV McCAMEY 23, JV COAHOMA 43

McCamey: 4, 13, 3, 3 -- 23

Coahoma: 9, 19, 7, 8 -- 43

Coahoma — Shae Lange 16, Analyse Mendoza 3, Cayhill Lewis 16, Karliegh Burt 6, Delia Rawls 2.

Free Throws — McCamey 7-12, Coahoma 8-18; 3-Pointers — Coahoma 1 (Mendoza); Fouls — McCamey 15, Coahoma 13.

UIL Essay Competitions Deadline is Two Months Away

Special to the Herald

The UIL is currently accepting submissions for a pair of Essay Competitions. Students could become a UIL state finalist, become eligible for TILF scholarships, and win their school championship points. Essays are due February 17 and are submitted online.

UIL Academics is proud to sponsor two essay competitions that provide exciting opportunities for students to explore the contributions of historically underrepresented groups to the history and culture of Texas. With a focus on original research and the use of primary sources, students are encouraged to look to their own communities in finding topics for their essays.

Both competitions are open to all students in grades 9-12 attending UIL member high schools. All entries submitted according to contest guidelines will be evaluated by experienced judges. State finalists will be selected from the entries submitted for each competition. Students selected as state finalists will be considered for state awards and have the opportunity to have their work added to the historical record of the state of Texas. All students selected as state finalists will also become eligible to apply for TILF scholarships; the TILF program provides dozens of scholarship opportunities each year.

Specific guidelines for entries are provided on the page for each competition as specified below.

Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition

Founded in 1995 as an event sponsored by The University of Texas at Austin, the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition moved to its new home with UIL Academics in 2011-2012. The competition provides students an opportunity to explore the contributions of African Americans to Texas history, as well as honoring the legacy of its namesake, Barbara Jordan. The theme of the competition is "African Americans in Texas: Past and Present."

Latino History Essay Competition

Founded in 2011 by the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement at UT-Austin, the Latino History Essay Competition has found a new home with UIL Academics beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. In its initial year the competition is open to students in South Texas; beginning with 2012-2013 entries will be accepted from students statewide. The theme of the competition is "historical and cultural legacies of Latinos in Texas history."

Updated look at basketball teams around Howard County

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

Howard County basketball teams got back into action this week after each team spent a week off celebrating the holiday season. All of the local coaches are focused on working their players back into game shape after the break so that each team can be at their best during district competition coming up in January.

"I think this really gets us ready for district," Forsan Buffaloes coach Cory Richardson said following a loss to Wink this week.

"We saw some things that we can do well and saw a lot of things that we can work on."

The same could be said for each local team, but overall it was a good week for Howard County basketball. Here is a look at the updated overall record of each local squad:

- Big Spring Steers: (9-5, 0-0)
- Big Spring Lady Steers: (6-9, 0-0)
- Coahoma Bulldogs: (2-8, 0-0)
- Coahoma Bulldogettes: (7-4, 0-0)
- Forsan Buffaloes: (6-7, 0-0)
- Forsan Lady Buffs: (11-3, 2-0)

Shawn Moran is the sports writer at the Big Spring Herald.

NFL SCHEDULE WEEK SEVENTEEN

SUNDAY

Away Team	Home Team	Time of Game
New York Jets (2-13)	@ New England Patriots (6-9)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Miami Dolphins (10-5)	@ Buffalo Bills (12-3)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Baltimore Ravens (10-5)	@ Cincinnati Bengals (4-10-1)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Pittsburgh Steelers (12-3)	@ Cleveland Browns (10-5)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Minnesota Vikings (6-9)	@ Detroit Lions (5-10)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Dallas Cowboys (6-9)	@ New York Giants (5-10)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Atlanta Falcons (4-11)	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers (10-5)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Green Bay Packers (12-3)	@ Chicago Bears (8-7)	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Las Vegas Raiders (7-8)	@ Denver Broncos (5-10)	3:25 p.m. (CBS)
Jacksonville Jaguars (1-14)	@ Indianapolis Colts (10-5)	3:25 p.m. (CBS)
Los Angeles Chargers (6-9)	@ Kansas City Chiefs (14-1)	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Arizona Cardinals (8-7)	@ Los Angeles Rams (9-6)	3:25 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle Seahawks (11-4)	@ San Francisco 49ers (6-9)	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
New Orleans Saints (11-4)	@ Carolina Panthers (5-10)	3:25 p.m. (FOX)
Tennessee Titans (10-5)	@ Houston Texans (4-11)	3:25 p.m. (CBS)
Washington (6-9)	@ Philadelphia Eagles (4-10-1)	7:20 p.m. (NBC)

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This week's reviews are all fiction titles.

Marcus Ryker has spent his entire career studying killers in "The Jerusalem Assassin" (F ROS J) by Joel C. Rosenberg. One thing he knows for sure: a peace summit is the ultimate stage for an assassination. President Andrew Clarke is determined to announce his historic peace plan from the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. But when senior American officials who support the plan begin violently dying, Clarke orders Ryker and his team of CIA operatives to hunt down those responsible and bring the killing spree to an end. When the Palestinians denounce the American plan, the Saudis signal

they may be ready to forge a historic treaty with Israel. Could the Saudi king's support be the missing ingredient that will lead to peace at long last? Ryker soon uncovers a chilling plot to kill the American president. A well-resourced international alliance is dead set against the peace plan. They will stop at nothing to strike a blow against the Americans and seize leadership of the Muslim world. With all eyes on Jerusalem and the president in the crosshairs, it's up to Ryker to eliminate the terrible evil that's been set in motion. The fate of the region depends on his success.

He has 48 hours.

In 2000, bright, ambitious, and yearning for adulthood, fifteen-year-old Vanessa Wye becomes entangled in an affair with Jacob Strane, her magnetic and guileful forty-two-year-old English teacher in "My Dark Vanessa" (F RUS K) by Kate Elizabeth Russell. In 2017, amid the rising wave of allegations against powerful men, a reckoning is coming due. Strane has been accused of sexual abuse by a former student, who reaches out to Vanessa, and now Vanessa suddenly finds herself facing an impossible choice: remain silent, firm in the belief that her teenage self willingly engaged in this relationship, or redefine herself and the events of her past. But how can Vanessa reject her first love, the man who fundamentally transformed her and has been a persistent presence in her life? Is it possible that the man she loved as a teenager, and who professed to worship only her, may be far different from what she has always believed?

When seventy-year-old Charlotte Perkins submits a sexy essay to the "Become a Jetsetter" contest in "The Jetsetters" (F WAR A) by Amanda Eyre Ward, she dreams of reuniting her estranged children: Lee, an almost-famous actress; Cord, a handsome Manhattan venture capitalist who can't seem to find a bride; and Regan, a harried mother who took it all wrong when Charlotte bought her a Weight Watchers gift certificate for her birthday. Charlotte yearns for the years when her children were young and she was a single mother who meant

everything to them. When she wins the contest, the family packs all their baggage, both literal and figurative, and spends ten days traveling from sun-drenched Athens through glorious Rome to tapas-laden Barcelona on an over-the-top cruise ship, the Splendido Marveloso.

As lovers new and old join the adventure, long-buried secrets are revealed and old wounds are reopened, forcing the Perkins family to confront the reasons that drove them apart and the defining choices in their lives. Can four lost adults find the peace they've been seeking by reconciling their childhood aches and coming back together?

With her relationship with Jack as shaky as the foundation of her family home, Melanie's juggling a number of problems in "The Strangers on Montagu Street" (F WHI K) by Karen White. Like restoring her Tradd Street house and resisting her mother's pressure to 'go public' with her talent-a sixth sense that unites Melanie with the lost souls of the dead. But Melanie never anticipated her new problem. Nola, Jack's estranged young daughter who appears on her doorstep, damaged, lonely and defiantly immune to her father's attempts to reconnect. Melanie understands the emotional chasm all too well.

As a special, bonding gift Jack's mother buys Nola an antique dollhouse, a precious tableau of a perfect Victorian family. Melanie hopes the gift will help thaw Nola's reserve and draw her into the family she's never known. At first, Nola is charmed, and Melanie is delighted, until night falls, and the most unnerving shadows are cast within the dollhouse's miniature rooms. By the time Melanie senses a malevolent presence she fears it may already be too late. A new family has accepted her unwitting invitation to move in, with their own secrets, their own personal demons, and a past that's drawing Nola into their own inescapable darkness.

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." Edith Lovejoy Pierce

McCullar debuts, No. 13 Texas Tech tops Incarnate Word 79-51

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Kevin McCullar didn't start in the Texas Tech sophomore's debut coming off a preseason ankle injury.

It wasn't because coach Chris Beard didn't think he deserved it.

"I thought he was playing as well as any young player in college basketball last year the last month of the season," Beard said of McCullar's pandemic-shortened 2019-20 campaign. "I have very, very high expectations for Kev, and I thought tonight was a great first step."

McCullar scored 11 points after waiting nine games to get his season going and the No. 13 Red Raiders cruised in a tune-up before Big 12 play resumes, beating Incarnate Word 79-51 on Tuesday night.

Marcus Santos-Silva also had 11 points for the Red Raiders (8-2), who got a brief holiday break after a two-point win at Oklahoma and are gearing up for back-to-back conference games at home.

Keaton Willis scored 13 points for Incarnate Word (1-4), but the Cardinals' leading scorer was 2 of 9 from the field as the team shot 36% (15 of 42). Willis was 8 of 11 on free throws.

The Cardinals were playing for the first time in 24 days after four games were called off because of COVID-19 issues. They didn't get to resume practice until Saturday because of quarantines.

"It's tough whether you have a layoff or no layoff," Incarnate Word coach Carson Cunningham said. "We just don't want to make excuses. We just way to try to get better every day and deal with the hand that's dealt. I hope we helped Texas Tech get better as it prepares for conference."

McCullar, who became a solid role player during the pandemic-shortened 2019-20 season, got a strong ovation when he came off the bench early in the game. He was 5 of 9 from the field while playing 12 minutes, getting an assist on a layup from Santos-Silva immediately after coming in.

"It was a big game for me," said McCullar, whose first points came on a three-point play. "It was an emotional game to finally be back out there. Just been grinding. Thank the coaching staff for keeping me positive."

Kyler Edwards had 10 points and eight rebounds, going 2 of 4 from 3-point range. Texas Tech shot 30% from long range (6 of 20) after finishing below that mark in the previous four games.

Mac McClung scored eight points with seven rebounds and three assists in 23 minutes, the most playing time for any Texas Tech player as coach Chris Beard used a 13-man rotation.

BIG PICTURE

Incarnate Word: The Cardinals were 5 of 21 from the field in the first half after going 3 of 30 in the second half of an 87-37 loss at Texas Tech in their season opener two years ago. That's 8 of 51 over two halves as Incarnate Word, which managed to get to 50 points by making 10 of 21 shots in the second half.

Texas Tech: All 10 Texas Tech players who got into the game in the first half scored, led by McCullar with nine points. They had 11 assists on 17 baskets, led by McClung with three as the Red Raiders built a 41-19 lead.

LOPSIDED ASSISTS, TURNOVERS

Texas Tech had 17 assists on 29 baskets while holding Incarnate Word to two assists, none in the first half. The Red Raiders also forced 20 turnovers while committing seven, outscoring the Cardinals 26-2 off turnovers.

"I thought we were dialed in tonight defensively," Beard said. "We're still just making too many mistakes. We're doing enough good things to be a defense that you can win with. It's eliminating mistakes. We're still striving for that consistency."

UP NEXT

Incarnate Word: A New Year's doubleheader of sorts against McMurry at home on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Those are the final nonconference games before the Southland Conference opener at Northwestern State on Jan. 6.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders return to Big 12 play at home against Oklahoma State on Saturday. The only other scheduled nonconference game at the moment is Jan. 30 against LSU.

Jason Witten set to break all-time games mark for tight ends

By **JOSH DUBOW**

AP Pro Football Writer

When Jason Witten entered the NFL 17 years ago as a third-round pick in Dallas, his famously blunt coach, Bill Parcells, delivered him a simple message.

"He taught me early on, reliability, dependability, consistency, that's how you make it in this game," Witten said Wednesday. "Those are traits that I've kept near and dear to me for my entire career."

For nearly two decades that included a one-year interruption in the "Monday Night Football" announcing booth, Witten has taken that advice to heart.

The 38-year-old Witten has missed only one game in 17 seasons in the NFL and will break Hall of Famer Tony Gonzalez's record for tight ends with his 271st career game in Sunday's season finale for the Las Vegas Raiders (7-8) against the Denver Broncos (5-10).

"To have an opportunity like this, I think that's just the way I tried to play," Witten said. "I think in this league, the minute you feel like you've arrived or you belong, you're going to get passed up. I think my advantage and kind of my edge for me was that every day of every moment, I never felt like this game owed me anything. I had to go earn it. That's go out there and play. You hear people talk about it often. It's a 'show me' game."

Witten has shown plenty in a career that featured 11 Pro Bowl berths, first-team All-Pro selections in 2007 and 2010, and some of the most prolific stats anyone has put up at the position.

He had eight seasons with at least 75 catches, four 1,000-yard campaigns and ranks second all-time at the position with 1,228 receptions and 13,046 yards, and is fifth with 74 TDs.

The Raiders signed him to a one-year deal for a veteran presence in the tight ends room and are pleased with what they got despite only 13 catches

for 69 yards.

"He's been great for the tight ends, he's been great for me, he's been great for our offense," coach Jon Gruden said. "Unfortunately, we have not been able to have a lot of team gatherings, team meals, team meetings because of the protocols and the quarantines and all that stuff. But he's had a real impact on our guys. ... He's one of the great war daddies of all-time and he's going to break Tony Gonzalez's record on Sunday, and it's great to have been a small

part of that."

Witten said he hasn't decided whether he wants to try to come back next season or retire for good. He stepped away once already after the 2017 season to replace Gruden as analyst on "Monday Night Football" for ESPN.

That didn't go well and Witten returned to the Cowboys in 2019 before signing with the Raiders this past offseason. Gruden said he believes Witten could follow his path again and get into coaching.



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My Odd Dreams - A Short Story by Joel Miller

Everything is so confused in my dream. Why is it all so mixed up? It is never this way. Is it a dream or a reality? I feel I can see the wagon wheel being made, but again, where did the disc come from? There is the iron pot being made too. I am confused again and back to reality. No wonder, the iron pot is attached to a wagon wheel rim. The rim is welded to a twenty four inch disc. The vision is all run together. It should all be different stories, not all in the same vision. I will try again, this time touching just the cast iron pot.

Maybe here I better explain what I am raging about. Ever since I can remember, I have had the ability to touch something and I will sometimes be able to go back to a time when it first was made or used. At an early age I once found a toy truck in the dirt. I was playing with it when my mother asked where it came from. I told her it belonged to Jimmy and he lost it in the dirt. Thinking it was just another imaginary friend, she let it drop. She knew I had a lot of make-believe friends she couldn't explain. I just thought everybody could see into the past like I did. I am not a paranormal type that believes in the spooks and ghosts, but I do know what I have been able to do and see all my life. To me it is real, regardless of what others think.

As I grew older, friends thought I was just weird. I would touch something and sometimes be able to see who it had belonged to, in the past. After holding or touching an object, I could sit down and visualize its past life. Was I daydreaming or did I really have the ability to see into the past? I am now eighty-five and still go back in time on certain objects and I still can't explain it. Frustrating? No. It is just a part of my life. It doesn't happen all the time, but at some unknown time and some unknown place, it still happens.

Now, back to the old iron pot. This is the story my grandmother told me many years ago:



When my grandfather was twenty-four years old, his family left Arkansas, in 1903, in a covered wagon, trying to find a better life in Indian Territory, in

Oklahoma. While they were traveling, the old cast iron pot was dropped and cracked. They camped by a creek just inside the Indian Territory line. My grandfather went into the closest town to buy supplies. While there, he bought another sixty gallon black iron pot. I was there with my grandfather when he bought the pot and returned to the wagon. I was there when my great grandmother used it for the first time.

They settled in a small community in western Indian Territory, later called Pocasset, Oklahoma. They bought a small farm and lived there many years. My grandfather met a young farm girl there and in 1909 married her. His wedding gift included the cast iron pot. Over the years there was hogs rendered in it, clothes were washed in it, Lye soap was made in it, and it helped cook many meals. Through the years it was saved and eventually it came to me, to be displayed in my front yard. Was I dreaming when I touched it or was I reliving its history through my grandmother's memory? I honestly don't know.

Incidents like this has happened to me over the years. I have always had the ability to make up history (or relive history) on certain objects I touch.

I grew up on a rented farm in southern Oklahoma during the depression. There was no electricity, water, or sewer, and no natural gas. We had coal-oil lamps, outhouses and wood burning stoves. After my sister passed away, I was given an old coal-oil lamp that belonged to some member of the family. As I put it up on the mantle for display, I could smell the unmistakable odor of burning coal oil. Later, as I sat in my chair, I got a vision of an old farm house I did not recognize, but the woman was my great grandmother, my grandmother's mother, the time was around 1890, in the Texas panhandle (as told by my father.) It sat on an old wooden table where my grandfather, and my children, and my great grandfather ate their meals. My great grandfather was a cook for Charles Goodnight trail drives and quite often, the lamp was the only source light while he was gone. I knew my great grandmother until she passed away when I

was about twenty-five. I don't remember her story about the lamp, but she did have a lot of stories growing up in that time period. I guess she could have mentioned the lamp, but most of her stories had to do with the hardships of the time.

My wife and I had an antique store years ago and some of the things we bought would bring forth these dreams (day dreams and night dreams.) We were on a picking trip in Minnesota and found a farm auction. Of all the antiques we bought, this book was the only thing that gave me that feeling of the past. I remember the old book about Winnie, the Pooh. I know, I have known Winnie, the Pooh all my life. My mother used to read it to my sister and me when we were young, but when I picked this particular book up, I got this feeling that I knew where it came from, but I did know a little more history about the book.

During the depression, a little girl from Illinois was given the book as a birthday gift, the House at Pooh Corner. She was an only child and became totally engrossed in the characters. She lived with Winnie, Piglet, Eeyore, Christopher Robin, Owl, and Roo. They became her constant companions. She talked with them, ate with them, and slept with them. Like all children, they were her secret pals. She shared her secrets and adventure with them and in return, they were always there for her, night and day. Eventually, she grew out of her childhood and the book, and all her playmates were forgotten. The book was put away when she grew older and married. My dream stopped there. I never knew anymore about it until we brought it back to the store. Once again, when I held the book, I got the feeling I did not know how the book ended up in that farm auction.

During the second World War, a twelve year old boy and his younger sister were given the book by a young college girl. When she was small, it had been her mother's favorite. When she left for college, her mother had secretly put it in her suitcase as a surprise and reminder of home. To supplement her income at college, she was taking care of two children while her mother worked in the defense factory.

As she read from the book, her childhood friends came back to her. There was Winnie Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore, and Roo. It was as if they were just waiting for her return. She would read to the two children, using animated voices for each character, reliving her own past. The children were delighted in the stories of her childhood and the Pooh characters she so lovingly told them about. The one story that delighted them was when Pooh and Piglet decided to build Eeyore a stick house so he could get out of the snow and cold. They were delighted when Christopher found Eeyore and lost his house, from where he had built it. Pooh made up a song about the snow and his cold toes and Piglet sang the part, Tiddley pom. The children laughed when they heard the Tiddley pom part.

Here the dream ends. I never was able to find out how the book ended up on the farm and into the auction.

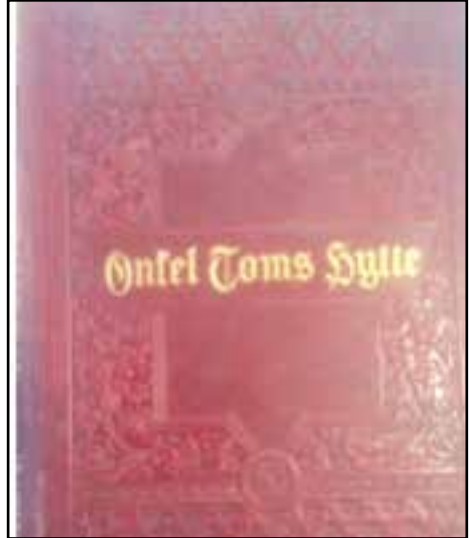
On that same buying trip, we found two treadle sewing machines, the drawers still full of the sewing supplies. It was as if that women had just closed the drawers for the day and never reopened them again. It was such a fantastic find. My wife would take out one drawer at a time and lovingly go through each item, describing it to me as I drove. I guess the act of describing the items to me triggered another day dream.

I could see an Amish woman, setting in the kitchen, patiently mending her daughter's dress. There were no buttons, just hooks and eyelets. The drawers were full of the everyday sewing items she used. The kitchen was filled with homemade jellies, jams, and canned vegetables. The table was carefully made from rough sawn boards and put together with pegs. Why I knew this, I do not know, but I saw these things very clearly in my mind. We had worked and visited with the Amish on previous trips, and had learned of their unique way of life. It was a simple life, dedicated to God and family. The woman had made all the clothes for her family, working each day to preserve their way of life and gladly sharing her experiences with all. Once again, was I remembering our visits to the Amish or was I experiencing another return to an incident many years ago? I hope it was the latter. I love interacting with people of a bygone era. I never want to lose my unique gift.

While we were in Minnesota we came into a small town that was having an auction/flea market on the town square. The local Catholic Church had contributed a lot of things that had been stored in its basement for years. We were able to purchase a lot of items, including several Saint's medals, different Bibles, and one very old book titled "Ontel Toms Hytte," in a foreign language, published in 1897. We always buy early editions of just about any book or magazine we find. After bringing it home, I searched the internet and found it to be "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe. It was written in the Norwegian language. It was a beautiful red, leather

bound book, in exceptionally good condition. As I went through it, looking at the pictures, I got that feeling again that I knew all about the books history.

There was a family from Norway that had emigrated to the U.S. in early 1900, to be with family and to start a new life as dairy farmers. One of the treasures they acquired was the book, now known as Uncle Tom's Cabin. They were fascinated by the working conditions in the southern part of the U.S. Coming from a free country and settling in Minnesota, they could not understand the concept of slavery. They also found the book had been banned in the southern states. They took the book to the local Catholic Church, where the priest explained what author Stowe wanted to tell in her book about the working conditions of the slaves and why it was banned in the South. The Norwegian father gave the book to the priest, who put it in the basement. There it remained until I bought it. Here the vision ended and, once again, I could not bring it up again.



I remember we were set up at a flea market one summer. As the store was starting to close, a man from Montana came over to me wanting to sell a cast iron stove. It was a six hole top, with a hot water warmer on the side. There was a warming oven on top. All the parts were there, nothing I could see was broken or cracked, and it was not rusted very badly. He said he did not want to haul it back to Montana and would sell it very cheap. It had been a long time since we had had one in the store so I bought it and we put it into my trailer. When we returned to the store and as I was unloaded it, ready to clean it up, I got that same feeling that I knew about it. While I cleaned it up, I was living in the past, in Montana, during the 1920's. It was a cold morning and a woman was loading wood into the bottom of the stove. After lighting the wood, she started mixing up biscuit dough for the morning breakfast. The old coffee pot was starting to boil, the smell traveling throughout the house. As the heat started to warm the kitchen, two children came into the room to dress in the warmth of the kitchen. Her husband came in, carrying the morning milk from the cow. It was a scene straight out of the history books. A farm family, getting the day started.

Breakfast consisted of fresh baked biscuits, fresh eggs, sausage, gravy, homemade jam, and fresh milk. After breakfast was over, the day started, with the farmer going to the fields, the kids preparing for their chores in the barn, and the woman starting her work in the house. The fire in the stove burned down, but there was hot water in the side of the stove to wash the morning dishes.

I wish I could say more about the stove and life on that Montana farm, but I was interrupted by a customer wanting some information on something in the store. I never got the feeling of anything about stove again. It was sold to a ranching couple who wanted the protection from switching over from 1999 A.D. to 2000 A.D. And losing all power (of course that did not happen.)

Another such story was an old apron my wife had bought in an auction. It appeared to be made from a flour sack. Flour sacks, in the 1940's, always had pretty prints that could be used in sewing dresses, shirts, baby clothes and aprons. My wife had washed the apron and I was folding it when the dream started.

I was in Dallas, Texas in a warm kitchen, a heavy-set woman was cooking on a gas stove. Sweat was running down her face. She picked up the bottom of the apron, wiped her face and continued cooking. A small child came running into the kitchen, crying because she was fallen and hurt herself. The woman opened her arms and enfolded the child into her arms and the apron, talking gently to her and drying her tears on the apron. As the child left, going to play once more, the woman used the bottom of her apron to lift a hot pan off the fire. I had seen both of my grandmother's do the same thing many times over the years. I do not never remember them being in the kitchen without the apron on.

It always amazes me the ingenuity people have when it is necessary. When we would go to an auction, if there were homemade devices we would always try to buy those items. Two such items were a homemade scrub board and flat whisk made from a fly swatter. I still have the whisk, but I cannot find the scrub board from all the ones we still have. I am sure there are stores on the scrub boards we saved, but I have never had any preview when I

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When it comes to romantic flops, it's hard to beat ol' Dud. He and Anita have been married for about five years now, but sometimes we question why she puts up with him. He has all the courtship skills of a flea collar.

"Dud Campbell," Anita said the other night, "what are you getting me for Christmas?"

"Now Honey, it wouldn't be a surprise if I told you, would it?"

"That means you haven't bought it yet, doesn't it?"

"Well, I won't say I have and I won't say I haven't, but, uh, don't get in that cupboard out in the garage now..."

"I won't, Dud," she said, purring.

Ten minutes later, Dud was flipping his coffee cup upright and sliding into his place in the line of scrimmage at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop.

"I'm dead meat, guys," he said.

We inquired as to why this emotional putrefaction should be setting in, and he said, "I don't have anything for Anita for Christmas and I have no idea what to get her."

"Let's look at this scientifically for a moment," said Steve.

"What kinda stuff does she like?"

"Uh ... well ..."

"You don't know, do you?" said Doc.

"Not a clue."

"Does she read? You can pick up a couple of books."

"I don't really know. I never really paid attention."

"Does she knit?"

"Knit what?"

"Never mind."

"I got it," said Herb Collins. "You can get her a gift certificate to a store and let her pick out her own gift."

"She said if I ever did anything so insensitive, she'd brain me with a skillet."

So Dud headed home, only to find the garage door open and Anita standing there holding his brand-new Homelite XL chainsaw. He only had time enough to mumble "Our father..." when Anita set it down gently and flung herself in his arms.

"Oh Honey, how did you know I wanted a Homelite XL with automatic oiler and a 16-inch bar? I couldn't help myself. I looked in the cupboard and found it. It's just what I've always wanted."

"Well, Darlin'," Dud said in his most debonaire voice, "I do try to be sensitive to your needs."

Brought to you by the Homelite XL chainsaw, which fended off the Alaska cold for ten years for this family. Found at Home Depot and Wal-Mart.



Slim Randles

Howard County Lunch Menus

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K-12 Breakfast

Monday: Student Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito with hash brown, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

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

Thursday: Sausage kolache with yogurt or breakfast bread with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast sandwich, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

K-8th Lunch

Monday: Student Holiday

Tuesday: Crispy tacos or frito pie or taco salad, fresh veggie cup, beans, salsa, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna with Tuscan veggies or chicken nuggets with mash potatoes or chef salad, broccoli, roll, fruit cup, dessert, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger or pizza or popcorn chicken salad, fries, carrots, snowball salad, milk.

Friday: Pulled pork sliders or chicken parmesan with breadstick, green beans, garden salad, chilled pineapple, dessert, milk.

9th-12th Lunch

Monday: Student Holiday

Tuesday: Crispy tacos or frito pie taco salad, rice, fresh veggie cup, beans, salsa, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna with Tuscan veggies or chicken nuggets with mash potatoes or chef salad, broccoli, roll, fruit cup, dessert, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger or Pizza or popcorn chicken salad, fries, car-

rots, snowball salad, milk.

Friday: Pulled pork sliders or chicken parmesan with breadstick, chips, green beans, garden salad, chilled pineapple, dessert, milk.

Sands CISD

Monday: Student Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: Stuffed bagel, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Taquitos, queso, refried beans, seasoned corn, salsa, apple slices, cookie, milk variety.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, black-eyed peas, garden salad, grapes, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, celery sticks, baby carrots, fruit cup, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Ham and cheese melt, multigrain chips, red bell pepper strips, seasoned corn, pineapple tidbits, milk variety.

Senior Center

Monday: Spaghetti Noodles with meat sauce, broccoli, salad with ranch, Jell-O, garlic bread/milk.

Tuesday: Chopped BBQ on a bun, baked beans, baked chips, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Wednesday: Smoked Sausage, sauerkraut, red roasted potatoes, mixed fruit, biscuit, milk.

Thursday: Pork Roast with gravy, carrots, spinach, cookies, bread, milk.

Friday: Frito chili pie, fiesta corn, crackers, tapioca pudding.

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hold them. The whisk is a different story. I got the feeling of a woman, in the early 1900's, in a kitchen, during the hard days of the dust bowl, using this whisk to make a little joy during hard times. Her husband had taken an old fly swatter, bent it into shape and then braided thin wire in the middle to make the whisk he could not afford to buy. I got the feeling she used this for a very long time.

The wash board I spoke of earlier had been made from old lumber, fashioned into an acceptable wash board. He had hammered thick field wire into the board in rows and bent the wires around the back. It served the same purpose as a store bought scrub board.

One of the grandmothers, who lived in Dallas, washed clothes on Mondays. She would bring the square tubbed washing machine in the kitchen, setting three square tubs around the washer. Even though the machine had an agitator, she would use a scrub board on the really dirty clothes. She used a stick to pick up the washed clothes out of the soapy water, feed them into the wringer and guide them into the first rinse water. Is this where I get the dreams of the wash board and beater? I really do not know.

I wish I could say I could call up these visions anytime I wanted, but they just come at the least expected times. I would love to know the history of so many items we had in the store. I know each would have a story behind it, some dramatic, some warm and fuzzy, and some would be just ho-hum.

There was one item in my wife's side of the store that opened another story. There was a spatula hanging from the ceiling that caught my attention one day. It had been there a long while, but on this particular day, this item just opened up to me. It was an ordinary kitchen spatula, but the story just needed to be told. It seems it was made in Utica, N.Y. and was bought in a small village store in Garden City, Kansas, by a widow woman that ran a boarding house for single men. She rented out rooms and cooked every meal for them. The spatula was used everyday for food preparation, as well as a swat for little hands that tried to sneak a cookie. That is as far as the vision would take me. We bought it from an antique store in Garden City. I have often wondered what happened to the single mother. Hopefully, she married and had a wonderful rest of her life.

Our grandson was playing with a set of Tonka toys that belonged to my wife's son when he was a little boy. There was a dump truck, a bulldozer, road grader and a crane. I picked up the bulldozer to put the rubber tracks back down when I got another vision. The Tonka Road Builder set was produced in Mound, Minnesota in 1961. It was an all metal set, meant to last for years. I saw my now stepson, in the dirt, on his knees, using the bulldozer to build a road. The crane was picking up dirt and putting it in the dump truck. Then it was gone and I was still holding the toy in my hand

and my grandson was asking if I was okay. How do I explain my visions to a six year old boy? I just handed the toy back and said I had fallen asleep.

Not all my visions were concerned with objects. Several years ago, I was called upon to offer the dedicatory prayer for the opening of a new medical clinic in my hometown. Part of the celebration decorations were pictures from the past history of the town. On such picture was of the first Air Mail service to our local post office. It was an early Ford Tri Motor airplane on an airline owned by Earl P. Halliburton. My father had worked in Duncan, Oklahoma, for Halliburton as a machinist in the mid 1930's and knew Mr. Halliburton. Mr. Halliburton was a visionary and knew the airline industry was going to be a thing of the future. I could see the airplane in Oklahoma, its pilot setting at the controls, getting mail from a distribution point, getting ready to deliver the air mail to all points south and west. His stop in out town made history, as it was a first for us. I could see all the dignitaries and locals coming, not only because of the mail, but because very few had seen an airplane up close. The pilot let a few of the people see inside, and then asked them to stand back, started all three motors and roared down the runway, toward his next stop. All this took only a few minutes, because I brought back to the present and was called upon to do the prayer.

My wife loves to display some the old things she collects. Our home is filled with flat-wick lamps, glassware, small objects she has found, and old Christmas items. Outside she has several old wagon wheel rims, an old horse collar, and a complete wooden wheel, leaning on a porch pillar. The wagon wheel is in a state of disrepair, spokes falling out, hub sagging and the felloes wired to the rim. Only one, while I sat on the porch, I could feel another picture coming on. I was back in Shipshewana, Indiana, in 1889, at an Amish wheelwright shop, watching the bearded man making four wagon wheels. He very carefully sawed out the felloes for the rim, the spokes, and four hubs. They were all made from Hickory and fitted with care in a 54 inch circle. He then heated the metal rim, carefully laying it around the felloes and then cooling it down with water before the hot metal could burn the wood. The wheels went onto a covered wagon going to Texas, by way of St. Louis, Mo.

The wagon held all the possessions of a family of five. The four month long trip was hard and un-

friendly for the family, but they arrived in Nacogdoches, Texas, the jumping off point for the western part of the Wild West. Here I lost the vision of the family, but we bought the old wagon wheel in an auction in East Texas. Since we bought it in East Texas, I assume they never left that part of the state. What happened to the family and the wagon, is lost in history.

One last story. I am on the Board of Directors of our local WWII and Korea museum and often work with the nine airplanes we have displayed. On one such occasion, I was working with an AT-11 bomber/trainer. During the second World War, the AT-11 was used to train bombardiers. I saw myself setting in front of the nose, looking through the Norden Bombsight, aiming at a small target 10,000 feet below. I pressed the "bombs away" button and watched the practice bombs falling toward the Earth. I was then returned to the present, not knowing how well I did. I just know there were over 9,000 bombardiers trained at this field.

As I get older, these visions are coming further and further apart. They have never been a curse to me, but a source of wonder. I have never met another person that had these abilities, but am sure I am not the only one. I am missing the opportunity to know a little more about early history and the lives of people in a more distant time through objects I have collected. It has been an adventure all my life to see these things. Were they my imagination or was I really transported back in time? I don't really know, but I like to think I was really there.



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- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
- Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
- Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
- John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
- Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
- Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
- Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
- Gloria Cerna, P.O. Box 55, Lamesa
- Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa
- Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.
- Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
- Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
- Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
- Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
- Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
- Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
- 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
- Leza Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
- Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
- Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
- Juana Fierro, 406 N. W. 5th St., Big Spring
- Tracy D. Flores, 2401 Russell Ave., Abilene
- Ellen French, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla.
- Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
- Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
- Juan E. Garcia, 3355 River Road North Keizer, Ok
- Mary Jo Garner, 11802 Silver Barring Cove, San Antonio
- William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
- Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second St., Stanton, Texas
- Perry Gholar, 1510 Nolan, Big Spring
- Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
- Jennifer Gonzales, 2616 Hunter Dr., Big Spring
- James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
- Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
- Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
- Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
- John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
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- Nicholas D. Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams St. #9, Breckenridge
- Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring
- Christine Henderson, 420 N. El Paso
- Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
- Scott Herrera, 4608 Ash St, Big Spring
- Billy Dean Hill, 7117 Alissa, Rowlett, Texas
- Johnny R. Hill, 704 San Antonio, Big Spring
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- Renola S. Kelly, 4503 LA Salle Circle, Colorado City
- Kimberly Jo Kennemur, 120 Hooser Rd., Big Spring
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- Bruce Edward Mallard, P.O. Box 3265 504 Westover, Big Spring
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- James Martinez, P.O. Box 269, Ft. Davis
- Rene N. Martinez, 8618 Serene Ridge, Big Spring, Texas
- Victoria Josephine Martinez, 323 S. Main St., Loraine
- Karen McCalister, 5925 Raton Ln. number 154, Ft. Worth
- O'Neal McClain, 911 17th St., Snyder
- Diana McCool, 504 Donley, Big Spring
- Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd., Big Spring, Texas
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.
- Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa
- Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
- Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring
- Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
- Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring

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Highlighting Howard Co. Business Serving up a healthy treat - Notorious Nutrition



Courtesy photo

Notorious Nutrition is owned by Justice Terrazas and has been serving Big Spring for the past seven months with healthy shake and tea options.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

A new healthy lifestyle, a new business and an opportunity to impact the community in which she lives. Three goals that Justice Terrazas and her husband had, and with one leap of faith their journey began.

Notorious Nutrition opened their doors and began serving the Big Spring community on May 29, 2020, just as a pandemic was starting to hit Howard County. The business has continued to grow over the past seven months and has providing an alternative meal option for those seeking a healthier lifestyle in the hustle and bustle of every day life.

"I've always struggled with a good healthy lifestyle and now with my business i am able to offer it not only to my self but my family, friends and the community of Big Spring," Terrazas said.

Notorious Nutrition offers nutritional shakes, energizing drinks and more delicious goodies. Throughout the holiday season, Terrazas was putting a holiday twist to the different creations that she offers. The shakes are a protein based product and can work in combination with the other products offered in the store. In addition to the daily visits to the shop, more of the products can be found online through Terrazas website which will also allow her customers to make the shakes and the teas at home when they are unable to make it inside to the shop.

"Each day I open the shop doors, I believe I bring a fun and exciting way of living a good healthy lifestyle with my many varieties of shakes and drinks. Plus you don't just become a customer when you come to the shop you become a friend, sometimes

close to family with me," she said.

For Terrazas it isn't just about selling a shake, but instead, it's about watching the healthy transformation of her friends. In addition, as many know progress happens best when progression takes place with someone else, and to help motivate her customers, she shares her experience and her story.

"I love that when people are having a bad day they come into the shop and always leave in a better mood not just because of the items they got but because I was maybe that one person that listened to them, or I said the right thing they needed to hear the most in that moment."

She continued, "I got into this business to help as many people as I can rather it be

One of the upsides for Terrazas as she travels down this healthy journey is that she gets to share it with her family. In addition to her own shakes, her two daughters – who are 5 and 1 – also get to enjoy the healthy shakes with their mom. The shakes provides the needed vitamins and minerals that may not be eaten in another meal that day.

As a new year rolls in, Terrazas is looking to expand her outreach and impact in the community.

"My goal for 2021 is to help as many people get back into a healthy lifestyle here in Big Spring and to also help the girls that help out at my shop build a successful business for their family like I get to do for my mine and keep their family healthy as well," she said.

Not only has Notorious Nutrition been an avenue for a healthier lifestyle and a business adventure, but in the midst of the pandemic it was the

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From the Perryman Group: It Just Makes Sense!

Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Special to the Herald

If there was a way for Texas to expand health insurance coverage to nearly a million of the state's most vulnerable people, enhancing their access to needed care, I think we can all agree that would be a very good thing. State budget constraints are a reality, but if the expansion could be accomplished without costing taxpayers anything, it would clearly be the right choice. What if Texas could increase coverage and actually come out ahead for taxpayers because of the substantial economic benefits? It would only make sense to do so. Right?

Texas is one of only 12 states that have not yet chosen to expand health insurance coverage to low-income adults using the financially attractive mechanism created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2010. In addition to enhancing the health and wellbeing of individuals directly affected, broadening coverage involves substantial business stimulus and tax revenues.

With more Texans having insurance, health-

related spending would increase, generating additional business activity in communities across the state and throughout the economy. The level of uncompensated care could also be expected to fall, freeing up hospital and local taxing entity resources to be used for other critical priorities. This result is particularly beneficial to urban public hospitals and critical to the sustainability of rural care. In addition, increased coverage assists more people in obtaining the care that they need, improving morbidity and mortality outcomes and, in turn, increasing productivity, which provides additional economic activity and other benefits, some of which occur over an extended period

We recently studied this issue in detail (you can download the full report at www.perryman.com). We found that if Texas implements a program to access federal matching funds for health insurance expansion in 2021, the economic effects for the 2022-23 biennium would include gains

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Texas weekly gas updates by GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 0.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.92/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 12.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 34.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.59/g today while the most expensive is \$2.63/g, a difference of \$1.04/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.59/g while the highest is \$2.63/g, a difference of \$1.04/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.25/g today. The national average is up 13.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 32.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back ten years:

December 28, 2019: \$2.26/g (U.S. Average: \$2.57/g)
December 28, 2018: \$1.96/g (U.S. Average: \$2.27/g)
December 28, 2017: \$2.23/g (U.S. Average: \$2.48/g)
December 28, 2016: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.30/g)
December 28, 2015: \$1.76/g (U.S. Average: \$2.00/g)
December 28, 2014: \$2.05/g (U.S. Average: \$2.28/g)
December 28, 2013: \$3.10/g (U.S. Average: \$3.30/g)
December 28, 2012: \$3.08/g (U.S. Average: \$3.28/g)
December 28, 2011: \$3.07/g (U.S. Average: \$3.24/g)
December 28, 2010: \$2.89/g (U.S. Average: \$3.04/g)
Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Midland Odessa- \$2.06/g, down 3.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.09/g.
San Antonio- \$1.83/g, down 3.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.87/g.
Austin- \$1.88/g, down 2.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.90/g.
"Average gasoline prices continue to move high-

er in most areas as retail gas prices continue to follow the rising price of crude oil which remains near the highest level since COVID-19 began in March," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Seasonal factors have sat in the backseat compared to a modest recovery in demand and a healthy dose of optimism that a COVID-19 vaccine will bring normal demand levels in the coming year. For now, it's not the best news for motorists as I expect gas prices may continue their ascent, but while it won't last forever, its likely a sign of what's to come in 2021- higher prices. The year ahead will be likely marked by recovery in the pandemic and rising demand, and for motorists interested in what's coming to the pump GasBuddy will be releasing our 2021 Fuel Price Outlook in the days ahead, hopefully will give motorists some idea of what to plan for in terms of pain at the pump."

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safety net for Terrazas and her family. Just as many across the nation experienced layoffs and downturns in the economy, her family was not any different. Her husband ended up being laid off from his oilfield job and the family was able to offset the impact through the business.

"I was very fortunate in the beginning of this crazy pandemic I was able to replace my husband income with this business working out of the nutrition club in Snyder. His layoff actually led me into opening my shop here in Big Spring right in the middle of the pandemic. I have been very lucky to have barely slowed down these past couple of month, but even during that I have continued to get new customers."

While there are some who may doubt the products, Terrazas is willing to share her own personal testimony, but also wants to remind the community of the benefits brought by the products. Not only do they provide needed nutrients, but they also offer immunity products that can help fight against viruses and common colds. Each product offered is created with sugar free products.

"I just want to thank the community of Big Spring especially the customers who have continued to support me since I was the six-month pregnant girl running around town putting flyers on cars and in businesses that allowed me to do so," she said. "To those who supported me in doing countless tea drops to let people who have never tried our drinks before try them."

The dedication and commitment not only to a healthier lifestyle, but to the

community and her business, shows in the countless hours that she put in to the start up and that she continues to put in daily. At the beginning her tea drops took her all over the community, just as one of the many ways she reached out to as many potential customers as possible. She continues to do outreach activities like that just to make sure the community knows she is here and provides an opportunity for her to show appreciation to local businesses and allow those who have never tried her products before an opportunity to do so.

Time off is a phrase Terrazas is not so familiar with. The shop and her customers have become like family. When she delivered her newest addition to the family, while many will take off six weeks or more, she jumped right back in - after having a C-section - just a week after delivery her baby. For those who don't know,

Terrazas is so invested in the community she commutes from Snyder on a daily basis to ensure the Big Spring community has the opportunity to walk this healthy lifestyle with her and enjoy a shake and tea daily.

Notorious Nutrition is located at 1907 Birdwell Lane Suite E, next to Goode Party Events and Sunny Side Up. For more information follow the Notorious Nutrition Facebook page or Instagram (notorious.nutrition). To try out the different flavors of shakes and teas, stop in the shop and speak with the staff at Notorious Nutrition. Business Hours for Notorious Nutrition are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. Terrazas is even open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sundays. For more info call, 325-207-6017 or you can e-mail justice_nicole@yahoo.com for more information on products.

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of \$45.3 billion in gross product, \$29.4 billion in personal income, and almost 461,700 job-years of employment, including multiplier effects. These benefits increase over time.

This economic activity would also generate tax receipts. The Perryman Group estimates that the net total dynamic fiscal benefits during the 2022-23 biennium would include \$2.5 billion to the State and nearly \$2.0 billion to local government entities across Texas. For every \$1 of non-federal funds invested, \$1.95 is returned to the State in dynamic tax revenue.

Millions of Texans do not have health insur-

ance. Most cannot afford private insurance and are often unable to obtain basic or preventive health care. It is a human tragedy with profound consequences. Texas could alleviate a substantial portion of this problem by expanding health insurance coverage using available federal funds while reaping notable economic and fiscal gains in the process. It just makes sense! Stay safe!!

RECORDS

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Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
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

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Velocity Investments LLC, assignee of prosper funding LLC assignee of Webbank
Defendant: Jared Kirby
Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: December 17, 2020

Plaintiff: 21st Mortgage Corporation
Defendant: Esmael Munoz
Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: December 18, 2020

Plaintiff: Kasey Dockens
Defendant: Laura Dockens
Type of Case: Divorce - children
Date: December 18, 2020

Plaintiff: April Edmondson
Defendant: Levy Edmondson Jr.
Type of Case: Divorce - no children
Date: December 22, 2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Elmo Martin
Grantee: Santiago Cervantes
Property: First tract beginning at a 3/4" I.R. In the east right of way line of a 60' wide North-South road the N corner of Tract 1, block 3, and the SW corner of this tract; from whence the NW corner of Section 46, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas bears N 74 degrees 01'E 1622.11' and N.15 degrees 44' W 1077.75'; Second tract beginning at a 3/4" I.R. In the east right of way line of a

60' wide North-South road the NW corner of Tract 2, block 3, and the SW corner of this tract from whence the NE corner of Section 46, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, bears N 74 degrees 01' E 1618.23' and N 15 degrees 44' W 869.10'; Third tract: Beginning at 3/4" I.R. In the west right of way line of a 32.4' wide North-South road the NE corner of Tract 9, block 3 and the SE corner of this tract; from whence the NE corner of Section 46, block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas bears N 74 degrees 01' E 1200.83' and N 15 degrees 44' W 869.10'; Fourth tract beginning at a 3/4" I.R. In the west right of way line of a 32.4' wide North-South road the NE corner of Tract 10, block 3 and the SE corner of this tract; from whence the NE corner of Section 46, block 31 T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County Texas bears N 74 degrees 01' E 1204.71' and N 15 degrees 44' W 1077.75'
Date: December 14,2020

Grantor: Patricia Eubanks
Grantee: Howard County, Texas
Property: Lot 9, block 20, original town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Date: October 26,2019

Grantor: Brandon Riffe
Grantee: Judy Smith
Property: Being lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, all in block 21, original town site of Forsan.
Date: December 17,2020

Grantor: Glen Hughes, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Edna Hughes AKA Edna Rutherford, deceased
Grantee: Lot No. 3, in block No. 4, Monticello Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in the plat records of Howard County, Texas subject to any and all covenants restrictions and easements found of record.
Property:
Date: December 16,2020

Grantor: Emma Kra-

bill aka Emma Maria Krabill
Grantee: Michael Cody Hughes
Property: Being a 4.829 acre tract of land more or less out of the NW part of Section 5, block 31, T-1-S T&P RR Co Survey Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds.
Date: December 16,2020

Grantor: Malinda Kay Schierman and Wayne Lee Walker Trust, created by the last will and testament of Milton Wayne Walker, not joined by our spouses for the reason that the property conveyed herein is our separate property and does not constitute any part of our homestead.
Grantee: DF Stanley and Larchonda Kay Stanley
Property: All of my undivided right, title and interest in and to the following tract of land in the NW/4 of Section No. 30, in block No. 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas.
Date: November 10,2020

Grantor: Malinda Kay Schierman, Wayne Lee Walker Trust created by the last will and testament of Milton Wayne Walker and Linda Merritt not joined by our spouses for the reason that the property conveyed herein is our separate property and does not constitute any part of our homestead.
Grantee: DF Stanley and Larchonda Stanley

Property: All of my undivided right, title, and interest in and to the following tract of land in the SE/4 of Section 24, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas.
Date: November 10,2020

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Eric M. Johnson aka Eric Milton Preston Johnson
Grantee: Jason S. Gonzales and Donna C. Payne
Property: Lot 9, block 34, College Park Estates, a subdivision of the City of Big Spring Howard County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: December 11,2020

Grantor: Quert Odell Huit, dealing with his sole and separate property
Grantee: Tommy Christian
Property: A 1.0 acre tract of land out of the west part of Section No. 25, block No 33 T-1-S, T&P Ry Co Survey, Howard County, Texas including MH 28x44 label TEX0235260 and TEX0235261 and more particularly described by metes and bounds.
Date: December 17,2020

Grantor: Christopher Bustamante and Crystal Bustamante
Grantee: John A Douglas
Property: Being all of Lot No. 3 and the south-half of Lot No. 4,

in block No. 5, Saunders Addition to the Town of Coahoma
Date: December 18,2020

Grantor: Cynthia Vanessa Romero
Grantee: Crystal Bustamante and Christopher Bustamante
Property: The E/23' of Lot No. 14 and the west 37' of Lot No. 15, in block No. 1, La Loma addition to the City of Big Spring Howard County Texas, according to the map or plat of said addition which plat or copy thereof is of record in Volume 43, Page 625 of the Deed Records of Said Howard County, Texas.
Date: December 18,2020

Grantor: Texas Optimum Investments LLC
Grantee: Jeffrey A Rodriguez
Property: All of lot number 17, block 6, Douglas Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Date: December 18,2020

Grantor: Royce Miller
Grantee: Jose Chavez
Property: All that certain parcel or tract of land out of and part of section 44, block 32, T-1-N T&P Ry Co Survey being also lot of and part of a certain parcel conveyed to JB Pickle by BP Boydston through deed dated June 23, 1945, recorded in volume 127, page 225, deed records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: December 16,2020

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The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement

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By Steve Becker

Tour de force

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠K 10 8 4
♥4
♦10 9 7 2
♣A 7 6 4

EAST
♠9 3
♥AKQ 10 2
♦—
♣QJ 9 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠A Q J 6
♥9 8 7
♦A Q J 8 3
♣K

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♥ Dble
2♥ Dble 3♦(!) Dble
Pass Pass 4♥ 4♠

Opening lead — four of diamonds.
Good bidding often finds its reward during the play. Here is an unusual case where East-West cooperated perfectly in both the bidding and play to defeat four spades.

After East opened with one heart, South doubled, West bid two hearts, and North doubled. In the partnership's style, North's double in this sequence was "responsive," asking his partner to choose a suit.

East thereupon made the key bid of three diamonds. He realized — both from the strong bidding by North-South and from West's two-heart bid denoting a relatively weak hand — that his opponents had the balance of power. East therefore bid three diamonds in an effort to pave the way to the best defense.

One round later, four spades became the final contract. West led a diamond — the suit his partner had bid secondarily — and this proved to be the only way to score four tricks. East ruffed and, mindful of his partner's raise in hearts, underled his A-K-Q in order to put West back on lead. West won with the jack and played a second diamond for East to ruff.

East shifted to the queen of clubs, which did declarer no harm, but South still had to lose a diamond to West's king and so finished down one. It was a bitter pill for North-South to swallow, and it was made all the more so by the knowledge that five diamonds was cold against any defense.

However, what's bad for one side is usually good for the other, and East-West had every right to congratulate themselves on a first-rate performance.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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

Wanting Health and Happiness for Daughter

Dear Annie: I've noticed in the past several months that my 15-year-old daughter has been steadily gaining weight. I have struggled with my weight most of my adult life and absolutely do not want my daughter to have the insecurities and low self-esteem that I have.

She is not active at all, and remote learning isn't helping the situation. I encourage her to make healthier choices but have to be very careful with what I say, especially because weight and self-image are such a touchy subject with any girl or woman. Is this something my daughter will have to figure out on her own? -- Hoping You Can Help

Dear Hoping: The answer to your question -- if this is something she has to figure out on her own -- is

yes and no. Take the focus off the numbers on the scale and move it onto feeling good in your body. If you start to walk and do a form of exercise that makes your body feel good, then she will follow you. Self-esteem is created from within; it's not something we gain by looking a certain way.

Find a sport or activity that she might enjoy. Fifteen-year-olds have lots of energy, and she can channel some of that by being part of a sports team. It doesn't matter if she is a good athlete; what counts is that she is having fun. I know that many sports are on hold for now because of lockdowns. By the spring, perhaps she can join a new team. In the meanwhile, the two of you could go for walks together, try yoga classes online or find time to dance to the latest TikTok craze.

Continue to focus on your own health and happiness, remembering that more is caught

than taught. If she sees you exercising, making healthy food choices and being kind to your body, then she is more likely to make the same choices.

Dear Annie: This is addressed to "Confused About Cell-phones." A partial fix would be to take data off the phones. Our kids have cellphones that text and call only. They have internet usage at home on other devices, and this solution really helps! -- A Different Way

Dear Different Way: That sounds very clever. Thanks for sharing.

Dear Annie: I met this guy on a dating app. He seems to be pretty nice, but he's moving too fast. We have only been talking for three days, and he has told me he loves me several times. He seems to be genuine, but I have to protect my heart in case he's not. I want to hang in there

because I don't want to miss out on a good guy. But he doesn't want to take things slow. I'm not sure what to do. Please help! -- Totally Confused

Dear Totally Confused: Part of a healthy relationship is respecting the other person's personal boundaries. Saying, "I love you" after only three days of talking does seem fast, but you are the only one who knows in your heart if it feels genuine or if it could be reciprocated with time. These are questions for you to ask yourself. And while you're discovering this, clearly communicate that you would like to slow down as you get to know each other more. If he doesn't respect that, then you have to move on. The best guy is the one who respects your boundaries.

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ANSWER: RESOLUTIONS

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-6. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

0			2
			10
		6	8
6	3	11	

Solution:

2	0	6
4	1	5
0	2	0

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Get Organized

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National Get Organized Month

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: STORAGE BASKETS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS gives you options.



Earth Sign Grand Trine

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whatever you're doing together, a good rule of thumb is to make it easy for the other person. That will, in turn, make it easier for you. For now, don't worry about the score. Let your natural generosity prevail.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you've experienced a certain interpersonal interaction too many times to count, you've only just started to catch on to the deeper implications. You'll recognize a dynamic for the first time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some consider forgiveness a divine act they aspire to do easily and generously. Others are glad to hold a grudge for as long as their hands can clasp it. Events will bring into focus your thoughts on the matter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Revel in the details but shun pettiness. Both deal in

the granular, but the difference is easy to detect. Small matters that spark a sense of mastery, creativity and amazement are worthy of you. Small ugly things are not.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you take action, you do it with the intention of experiencing some of life's best stuff, including, but not limited to, radiant connections, deep satisfaction or big adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Strangers will get the extra-charming version of you today. You don't want to cheat more familiar people out of your special brand of attention; it's just that it's so easy to dazzle the ones who haven't experienced you before.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The things you enjoy have an impulse, an electric buzz you can feel when you get close. When you interact with these things, the energy goes into you, fueling your next move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As the director of your life, you get to decide how many takes to do before you move on to the next scene. You also get to decide which takes go into the final cut you present to the world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your muse comes knocking, and you open the door. It's a risk letting a muse inside. You get the inspiration, but you also have to entertain her with your creations, which require work -- worthwhile work, by the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Knowing what a person wants

and see if there's anything in it for you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 3). You'll define and redefine yourself. What you won't do is let anyone else in on the process, as becoming fully self-realized is an inside job. You will allow others to advise, support and promote you though, and you'll have excellent care in this regard. Summer endeavors ignite your sense of adventure and alter your lifestyle. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 30, 22, 16 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The butterfly had a problem of getting eating by the lizard, so it evolved colorful wings that looked like the eyes of a large owl to scare the lizard away. The owl evolved feathers for a soundless flight and the ability to swoop up a lizard lunch undetected. Problems are the wheel of evolution. And they are also the wheel of your personal evolution.

The first full week of a new year is waved in by an encouraging earth sign grand trine involving the Virgo moon, Capricorn sun and Uranus in Taurus. There's magic here, but it's not the sort that covers the whole scene in a blanket of good luck. Instead, this is the magic of excellent planning and hard work. It all starts with a problem. What do you need to solve in the new year? These skies call forth your practical instincts to figure out how to get from here to there. Also favored: the pencil, the checklist and the advice of your most down-to-earth friends. Put your creativity to the task of writing down as many ways to solve your problem as you can think of. Include action steps that are doable and ones that are outlandish. Go for a grand quantity of ideas, and later the Mars change will assist you in organizing them.

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Top-notch appetizers for New Year's entertaining

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day celebrations stand to look a little different this year. Even though guest lists may be smaller and parties much more intimate, hosts can increase the "wow factor" in other ways — namely with the food. Though New Orleans is well known for its French and Creole heritage, Sicilian immigrants who settled in the region in the early 20th century brought with them their cuisine as well. Muffaletto bread is a doughy sesame seed bread that residents ended up pairing with various meats and cheeses. Central Grocery Co. owner Salvatore Lupo decided to turn the bread and food combination into a sandwich and dubbed it the Muffaletto Sandwich. Made on rounds of soft, fluffy sesame bread, and covered with salami, ham, mortadella, provolone, and olive salad. Every bite was

full of flavor — and has become a New Orleans specialty. This recipe for "Muffaletto Bites" from "Southern Appetizers" (Chronicle Books) by Denise Gee emulates the flavors in bite-sized morsels and can enhance New Year's Eve festivities.

Muffaletto Bites
Serves 6 to 8, three or four tartlets each

- 1 16-ounce jar Italian olive
- 1 cup salad, drained
- 1/2 cup shredded smoked provolone cheese
- 1/4 cup finely chopped salami
- 1/4 cup finely chopped ham
- 2 12-ounce cans refrigerated flaky biscuit dough

Fresh Italian flat-leaf parsley for garnish

In a medium bowl, stir together the olive salad with the cheese, salami and ham. Cover and refrigerate for about 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly coat

two 12-well miniature muffin pans with cooking spray, if necessary. On a lightly floured surface, place the biscuit dough in two even rows and, using a rolling pin or clean finger, gently flatten/pat into a 1/2-inch-thick rectangle. Firmly press the perforation to seal. Cut each rectangle into 24 squares (each about 2 inches wide).

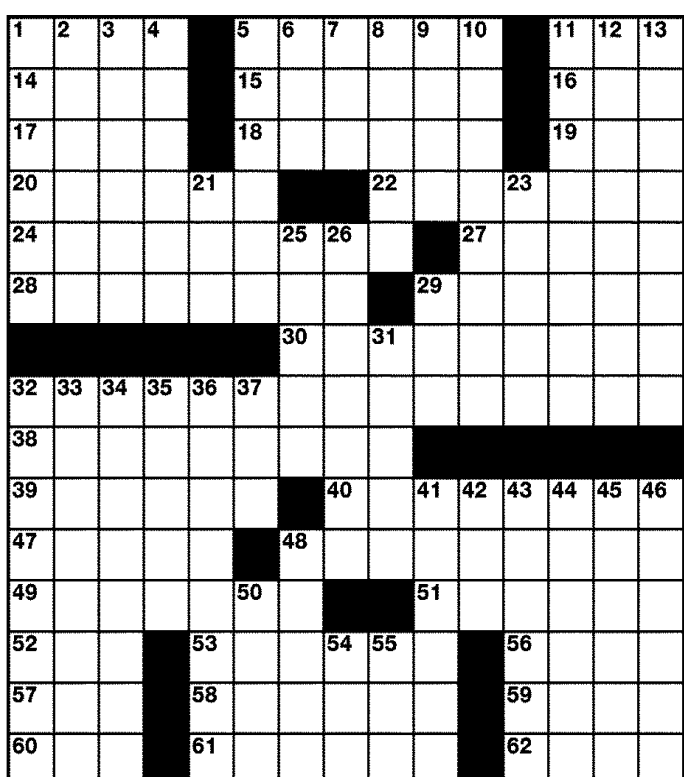
Place one square of dough in each of the prepared muffin wells. Firmly press the dough extended over the edges of each well; shape the edges with your fingers or use a fork to crimp it as desired. (The dough will rise at times; just press it back down until you can add filling). At this point, you can cover the muffin pan and refrigerate up to 1 hour.

Spoon a heaping 1 tablespoon of the filling into each well. Bake until golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes. Remove the tartlets from the pan and garnish each with a parsley leaf. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 57 Flop | 6 Consist of | 33 Ship in a |
| 1 The least bit of concern | 58 Hall of Famers, by definition | 7 Brit's gold coin | Longfellow poem |
| 5 Flavors | 59 Venerable | 8 Galleries | 34 Go before |
| 11 US stamp series subject of 1945-46 | 60 Ibsen character | 9 Color close to cream | 35 Laugh, perhaps |
| 14 George I predecessor | 61 Tchaikovsky's <i>Souvenir de Florence</i> , e.g. | 10 Of rest | 36 Salon offerings |
| 15 ___ Variations (Beethoven piece) | 62 Becomes careless | 11 10-time <i>Muscle & Fitness</i> cover subject | 37 Stimulus |
| 16 Age | DOWN | 12 Not as practical | 41 Main point |
| 17 Cherished | 1 Tried | 13 What botanists call "Ambrosia" | 42 Spousal ___ |
| 18 Sound effect | 2 4,184 gigajoules, vis-à-vis TNT | 21 Realize | 43 Tot's coat attachment |
| 19 Suit tag letters | 3 Having bounced once | 23 Honker | 44 Fully |
| 20 Ottoman conquest of 1458 | 4 Peace Nobel after Anwar and Menachem | 25 Blame takers | 45 Proteus, e.g. |
| 22 Chafes | 5 Less windy | 26 Works with a certain stick | 46 Fine drawer features |
| 24 Plenty of nothing | | 29 HHH successor as VP | 48 County northeast of London |
| 27 Video category | | 31 Cuts short | 50 Exceptional |
| 28 Serving and protecting | | 32 Shakespearean title character | 54 Waited |
| 29 Havana? No | | | 55 Took in |
| 30 Like a lot, perhaps | | | |
| 32 Second-string players? | | | |
| 38 Odin's wife in 2011's <i>Thor</i> | | | |
| 39 "Real" thing | | | |
| 40 Murphy, per O'Toole's Corollary | | | |
| 47 Cheaters | | | |
| 48 Hall of Famer, by definition | | | |
| 49 War zones | | | |
| 51 Marimba mallet material | | | |
| 52 Burning sensation | | | |
| 53 City on New Providence | | | |
| 56 Not for here | | | |



Answer to previous puzzle
 PERU CHEF DAFFY
 IRAN NAEL VILLA
 CASSANDRA DREAM
 ASPEN JUNE WAGS
 AKC ETA
 MARTHAS VINEYARD
 ELIS GOER ASTAR
 DEC BELGIUM WOO
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