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<u>Upcoming Events</u>

Veterans of Comedy Fundraiser Show for DAV of Big Spring June 11 at 7 p.m. Donations accepted at the door

Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show is open - the community is invited to stop by the Heritage Museum to view the pieces that were submitted by area artists.

Big Spring Graduation *May 21* 8 p.m. Memorial Stadium

> Westbrook Graduation *May 14* 7 p.m.

Coahoma Graduation *May 20* 7:30 p.m.

Forsan Graduation *May 28*





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Council approves charter changes

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring is a step closer to a revised City Charter following a meeting Wednesday evening in which the City Council considered and unanimously approved each of the 21 measures amending, updating, and tweaking the city's foundational framework.

According to the National League of Cities website at www.nlc.org, a city's charter is a document that defines the basic organization, powers, functions and essential procedures of that city's government.

"It is comparable to the Constitution of the United States or a state's constitution," according to the NLC website. "The charter is, therefore, the most impor-

tant legal document of any city." The city's Charter Review

Special Committee met 11 times, starting Jan 13, with the final meeting held May 6. "The existing charter, as

we found it, had a large number of technical issues that we, the Charter Committee, tried to address," said Charter Review Committee Chairman John Scott. "Several of our measures that we'll go through in just a minute address these technical issues. Some of the charter was just, frankly, out of date and did not comply with state law."

Scott noted that the committee was guided in the legal aspects of its job by City Attorney Andrew Hagen and consulting attorney Charles

During the meeting, Scott briefly explained each of the measures, and then the council addressed each measure before voting to approve it.

Wednesday's Following meeting, the next step has the attorneys drafting summaries of each measure to be used on the ballot in a citywide election on the amendments to the City Charter. The date for the election has not yet been set.

The measures are listed below, along with a brief informal summary of each. Note that the summaries given here are not the official summarized versions of the measures from the City, which have not yet been drafted.

• Measure A: An omnibus measure deleting or revising several items in the city's charter to require and ensure compliance with state law. "This is one overall very large measure that tries to bring the measure into com pliance with state law," Scott said. "It's the single largest amendment that we have, and it affects virtually the entire charter."

• Measure B: Focuses on

limiting redundancy in the charter, deleting or amending provisions which are already covered under Texas state law, that duplicate other sections of the charter, or are otherwise not needed in the charter. "A lot of the sections of the charter weren't really needed because state law already said this and gave us the powers," Scott said. "We propose taking all of those sections out in Measure B."

• Measure C: Requires councilmen and councilwomen to reside in the district they represent. Discussion

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Local responders pay respects to fallen officer



Photo courtesy Stacie King

Local law enforcement and emergency services lined up this morning as they brought Concho County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Stephen Jones, one of two officers slain in a shooting in Eden Monday night, through Howard County on his way home to Lubbock.

Howard College applauds 2021 graduates

Special to the Herald

Howard College

What will be an end to a journey for some and a beginning for others will be recognized May 14 at the Howard College and SouthWest College for the Deaf (SWCD) pinning and graduation ceremonies.

"The journey has been especially difficult for many of our students over the last year as they have dealt with the ramifications of the pandemic," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President. "And we are so excited to be able to host an in-person/virtual graduation for our students and mark this important mile-

stone in their lives." Students receiving associate degrees as well as certificates will have the

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is ready to bring back the jewelry sale May 20-21

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Retail therapy can do wonders, but it's even better when that retail therapy offers support for a local organization. Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary's annual jewelry sale is set for May 20 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 21 from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the West Texas Medical Plaza lobby. Monies raised from the sale benefit the SMMC Auxiliary. "This is one of the biggest fundrais-

ers the volunteers have each year. It is a great opportunity to start working on your Christmas list for the year," April Arms, SMMC Executive Assistant, said. "This allows for an opportunity to purchase some unique items and support a good cause at the same time."

Last year the jewelry sale had to be put on hold due to the pandemic. However, the sale will be able to take place this year, with social distancing

and the use of masks being required. Throughout the year, the volunteers hold fundraisers and take in donations, which are then distributed back into the hospital and the community. In addition to the jewelry sale, they have a bake sale, operate the gift shop and sale popcorn.

"This past year, the sale of popcorn was also put on hold with the pandemic, and the gift shop had limited hours to help do our part in slowing the spread and keeping our community, staff, guests and visitors safe," Arms said. "While the majority of the funds have

been used to support different areas of the hospital, the outreach doesn't stop there. The ladies love to get involved and lend a helping hand, wherever there is a need."

Over the years, funds have been used to purchase new chairs, redo the gift shop, and purchase new furniture for

the lobby. The group has also provided

scholarships for those who decide to go

back to school to further their certifications and those who are entering the nursing program.

"We hope that the community will come out and see what they can find. There really is something for everyone included in the sale. We call it a jewelry sale, but there are clothes, children's items, purses and even some gift items for men," Arms said. "This is also a great time for anyone interested in volunteering to come out and speak to one of our volunteers and see some of the things that we do."

The West Texas Medical Plaza is located at 1601 W. Eleventh Place, next to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. For more information, or to find out how to donate to the SMMC Auxiliary, call April Arms at 432-268-4907.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.





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Obituaries

Aaron Edward "Rusty"



Henderson Aaron Edward "Rustv" Henderson, 60, of Big Spring

died Sunday, May 9, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, May 13, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, May 14, 2021, at Myers & Smith Chapel at 2 p.m. with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rusty was born on February 1, 1961, in Clovis, N.M. He lived most of his life in Big Spring. He was a veteran in the U.S. Army and served in Honduras. He was a retired cook and had worked at Cowboy's Steakhouse.

He was an avid Sooner fan and loved motorcycles, but most of all, he loved his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife: Donna Henderson of Andrews; three children: Stephanie Gilbert and husband Garland of Big Spring, Whitney Henderson and husband Johnny Coley of Big Spring, and Aaron Henderson and wife Brittany of Big Spring; the mother of his children: Karen Leonard of Andrews; and 10 grandchildren: Breanna, Carter, Brandon, Haylee, Greg, Pebbles, Alvin, Grayson, Stetson and Paityn.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Chuck and Wilma Henderson; and one sister: Laurie Hen-

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-

Paid obituary

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity: Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail re-

ported having 93 inmates at the time of this report. • ANNA MARIE CUELLAR, 52, was arrested by

- BSPD on a charge of parole violation. • MACIE KAY DANIELS, 22, was arrested by
- HCSO on a charge of FTA/Forgery financial instru-• LAURA GEROSIN, 43, was arrested by BSPD on
- a charge of public intoxication.
- DEEDRA ALEXIA GUERRERO, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30K. • ANGELA MCGEE, 38, was arrested by BSPD on
- a charge of non reportable /FTA possession controlled substance less than 28 grams.
- ANGEL RESENDIZ, 30, was arrested by HCSO

on charge of disregard red light (traffic signal), violate promise to appear. • JASON DEWAYNE ROBERTS, 40, by HCSO

- on a charge of operate motor vehicle without financial, fail to appear.
- BRANDON DEE RUSHIN, 51, by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid (DWLI) on a charge of driving while license invalid (DWLI), operate unregistered motor vehicle, violate promise to appear. • MATTHEW ERIN STURGILL, 23, by BSPD on
- a charge of FTA/Possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams, unlawful possession firearm by felon, possession of controlled substance less than one gram, possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams, possession delivery drug paraphernalia, theft of firearm and aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speak-



ers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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.
- 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.

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Sandra Mitchell

Sandra Mitchell, 81, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Ricky Solis, Sr. Ricky Solis Sr., 58, of Big Spring, died Tuesday,

May 11, 2021.

Viewing and visitation will be Friday, May 14, 2021, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family receive ing friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.. Funeral service will be Saturday, May 15, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Myers & Smith Chapel with Dean Thomas officiating. Ricky was born April

2, 1963, in Big Spring. He worked for Bob Brock for 20 years. In more recent

years, he had been a self-employed contractor. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a Bap-

He loved fishing, barbecuing and playing softball. He was a horse whisperer.

He is survived by his loving companion: Linda Solis of Big Spring; three sons: Ricky Solis Jr. and wife Maria of Big Spring, Mike Solis and wife Enchantra of Big Spring and Adam Solis and wife Stephanie of Riverside, Calif.; one daughter April Solis of Big Spring; his mother: Angelita Solis of Big Spring; two brothers: George Solis and wife Ronetta of Big Spring and Ismael Solis and wife Sandy of Coahoma; three sisters: Norma Rodriguez of Midland, Josephine Santana of Midland and Amanda Solis of San Angelo; and 13 grandchildren: Brianna, Adrian and Kiarih Solis; Joshua Rios; Isaiah, Zayleigh and Zayden Solis; Ian and Acelyne Ramirez; Caiden and Cianna Turner; Scarlett Solis; and Josiah Aguero.

He was preceded in death by his father: Juan Solis; and one brother: Oscar Solis.

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Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500
- block of Westover. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100
- block of E. 13th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 11th and
- Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700
- block of Laurie Street. No transport was required TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the
- Hwy 350 and old Colorado City Hwy. No transport was required. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300
- block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transport-
- ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center. **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. One person was transport-
- ed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. • TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Hwy 87 and Angela Road. No transport
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2600
- block of Ann Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Deaths of Texans not wearing seat belts spiked 16% in 2020

AUSTIN— Despite a drop in the number of traffic crashes throughout the year, 2020 saw a spike in the number of fatalities overall and deaths of people in Texas from not wearing a seat belt. That's why TxDOT is reminding everyone that buckling up is the best defense in a crash.

Last year, the simple act of buckling up saved many Texans from death or serious injury in crashes. Unfortunately, in 2020 there was a 16% increase in deaths of unbuckled motorists. There were 1,073 fatalities in 2020 and 926 fatalities in 2019 due to people not wearing seat belts. Putting on a seat belt only takes a

few seconds and doing so reduces the risk of dying by up to 45% for people in the front seat of passenger cars and up to 60% for people in pickup

trucks.

"This past year we have all been reminded of the simple acts we can take to protect our lives and those of our loved ones," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Wearing a seat belt is the most important step we can take to protect ourselves from serious injury or even death in a traffic crash. Instead of putting yourself and others in danger, remember: buckle up day and night, every rider, every ride." Research shows pickup truck driv-

ers and passengers continue to lag in seat belt use. Close to half of all pickup drivers killed in crashes last year in Texas were not wearing a seat belt. Additionally, people driving at night wear their seat belt less often, even though it's a more dangerous crashes in which unbuckled drivers or passengers died occurred at night. From May 24 to June 6, as the summer driving season starts and families head out to celebrate Memorial Day, Texas officers and deputies will step up enforcement of the state's seat belt and child car seat laws. Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to be properly secured in the front or back seat or face fines and fees up to \$200. Children younger than 8 years old must be restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If a child isn't secured, the driver faces fines of up to \$250.

From 2002 to 2019, the Click It or Ticket initiative in Texas is estimated to have saved more than 6,000

time to drive. Last year, 59% of all lives, prevented more than 100,000 serious injuries, and resulted in \$23.6 billion in economic savings. according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Click It or Ticket campaign

is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel such as wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving, and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. November 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

CHARTER

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during the meeting questioned what would happen to council members already elected who do not reside in the district they represent, should Measure C be adopted. "That person would finish out their term, but at that time that they may seek re-election from that same district, they could not seek re-election in that district," Hagen said. "They could seek election in another district, or obviously for Mayor."

the city attorney, internal auditor and city judge are appointed by the City Council. • Measure E: Updates the

• Measure D: Clarifies that

- current charter, changing gendered pronouns in several Articles to gender-neutral pro-
- Measure F: Authorizes the City Council to either appoint an individual to a vacant council seat or call a special election when there are less than

180 days remaining in the term of the vacant office. • Measure G: Clarifies the ex-

- isting term limits for the city's elected officials – no more than two consecutive terms, and no re-election within six years from the end of any two consecutive terms.
- Measure H: Clarifies the existing requirement that any elected city official who is appointed to or becomes a candidate for any local, state or federal office automatically resigns their City Council seat. • Measure I: Deletes a provi-
- sion in the Charter requiring a disciplinary hearing for city employees before complaints about them could be considered. "We want the council to understand that, by taking that out of the charter, we're not really removing discipline actions and hearings," said Charter Review Committee member Nati Saldivar. "The committee feels that, as a policy, the city should take care of it and it should not be placed on the charter."

• Measure J: Removes a requirement that council members must provide a bond upon being elected to office.

"That has not been a practice that we know of, ever, so we took it out of the charter," Scott said. • Measure K: Defines the

- city's fiscal year as starting October 1 of each year. • Measure L: Clarifies the terms of city "officers" and
- "employees" as they apply to the city's employment prac-• Measure M: Enumerates
- the powers and responsibilities of Big Spring's Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore. Measure N: Provides for selection and appointment of an
- Acting City Manager to take the place of the City Manager during his or her absence. Measure O: Provides for the appointment and removal of the presiding and associate
- Measure P: Requires creation of a Charter Review

City Judges of the municipal

Committee a minimum of every four years.

- Measure Q: Changes the deadline to provide notice of damage or injury to the city from 30 days to 90 days.
- Measure R: Amends and updates the procedure for recalling elected city officials.
- Measure S: Sets the number of council members required to call a special meeting of the council at one, instead of three as in the current charter.
- Measure T: Amends and updates the procedure for initiative, wherein private local citizens can, through petition, propose and require the council to consider a specific ordinance; and referendum, wherein private local citizens can petition requiring the council to reconsider an ordinance already adopted.
- Measure U: Authorizes the City Council to make non-substantive numbering, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary changes to the City Charter when necessary.

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Darrin Crooks, 61, of Big Spring, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Edward Aaron "Rusty" Henderson, 60, of Big Spring, died Sunday. Viewing and visitation will be Thursday, 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday at & Smith Myers Chapel, 2:00 PM, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lucie B Vogel, 56, of Big Spring, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Scott Engleson, 65, of Big Spring, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Ricky Solis, 58, of Big Spring, died Tuesday. Viewing and visitation will be Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 9:00 with family receiving friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be Saturday, 11:00 AM, at the Myers & Smith Chapel.

Sandra Mitchell, 81, of Big Spring, died Wednesday.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

432-263-4041

Take Note

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary jewelry sale is set for May 20 and May 21. The sale will start at 7 a.m. each day. It will end at 6 p.m. on May 20 and 2 p.m. on May 21. The sale will take place in the West Texas Medical Plaza lobby.
- American Legion Post 506 is hosting a fish fry on May 15. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and meals will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. All are welcome. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. For informa-
- College Baptist Church Vacation Bible School 2021 will take place June 6-10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Church is located at 1105 Birdwell Lane. To register call the church at 432-267-7429.
- Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can cal 432-263-5999.
- The Howard County Democrats meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Cactus Room located in the Student Union Building of Howard College.
- Howard College is offering License to Carry Course with class date set for May 15. There is a maximum of 10 students per class; handgun and ammo not provided. Participants must be 21 years of age and have valid ID. Those taking the class will need 50 rounds of ammo and a handgun. Questions can be answered by contacting Dee Lindsey at 432-264-5641 or by e-mail at dlindsey@howardcollege.edu.
- Howard College has several Workforce Training courses coming up. Welding Maintenance begins May 24, Shielded Metal Arc Welding begins June 7, and Intro to Welding Using Multiple Processes begins June 21. All welding classes are Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. Howard College also has upcoming courses in Customer Service and License to Carry. Call 432-264-5151 or visit hc4.life/training for more information.

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tion, call 432-263-2084.

option to walk the stage during the annual graduation ceremonies or participate in a virtual format of the graduation celebration experience. Proud families and friends will be welcome to the live event as well with a ticketing option.

COVID-19 protocols will be in place for all of the ceremonies including mask requirements (age 10 and older) and social distancing as well as temperature screening at each entrance. For graduation ceremonies, Howard

College students are allowed four tickets and SWCD students are allowed two tickets. All guests will be required to have a ticket in order to attend in person. Live streaming will be available for those who cannot or choose not to attend in person. Links for the live stream will be available on the college website.

"Students start at Howard College with a dream for their future," said Sparks. "And today, we proudly share this moment with our students and their families to celebrate as their dream turns into a reality."

Ceremonies are scheduled as follows for Friday, May 14:

Indoor or Outdoor Plants

SWCD Graduation: Maddux Student Center Auditorium - SWCD Campus; 10 a.m.; Doors for guests open at 9:15 a.m.; Live stream available

Pinning Ceremonies: Attendance limited / live stream available

Vocational Nursing: 1:00 p.m.; Fireplace Room in the Student Union Building Generic and Transition RN: 2:30 p.m.;

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room Dental Hygiene Pinning: 4:30 p.m.; Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room

Howard College Graduation Dorothy Garrett Coliseum; 7 p.m.; Guests are asked to use the North Doors of the coliseum and doors will open for entry at 6:15 p.m.; Live

stream available COVID-19 Protocols for events:

- a. Temperature screening upon entrance.
- b. Masks required while in attendance at any ceremony. Children age 10 and under are not required to wear a mask. c. Social distancing will be ob-
- served. Family groups are asked to sit at least 6 ft from other family groups. Every other row will be marked off inside the Dorothy

Garrett Coliseum for graduation.

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Thursday, May 13, 2021

Big Spring Steer Football is back: Big 7-on-7 tournament to kick off Saturday

By DUSTIN POPE

Herlad Sports Writer

Football fans, you are in for a thrill this weekend. The Big Spring Steers are hosting a huge 7-on-7 Football tournament this Saturday, May 15. The tournament will have a field of 12 teams. Big Spring, Snyder, and Seminole will make up Pool A. Midland Christian, Lubbock High, and San Angelo Central are in Pool B. Pool C will be San Angelo Lakeview, Brownfield, and Greenwood. Group D has Crane, Wink, and Sonora.

The action will kick off this Saturday at 9 a.m. The games will take place at Memorial Stadium and Blankenship Field. If you have never seen 7-on-7 Football, you are in for a thrill. It is a high-paced style of football. They decreased the field down to 45 yards. There are markers every 15 yards. If the team can get three first downs without a penalty, it is a Touchdown. All plays must be passed; there are no running plays also no kicking or punting. The runner is down when the opposing team touches him. Each half is 15 minutes. 7 on 7 is an appealing brand of football that is satisfying to attend.

This will be a 12-team warmup tournament. The Steers open up Pool A play when they take on the Snyder Tigers at Memorial Stadium at 9 a.m. The second game for Pool A will pit Snyder against Seminole at 10 a.m. Then third game for Pool A will start at 11 a.m. and has the Big Spring Steers facing off against Seminole. Pool B will begin at Blankenship Field at 9 a.m. and will start with Mid-

land Christian taking on Lubbock High. Game Two will be at 10 a.m. and finds Midland Christian facing against San Angelo Central. The last match of Pool B will be at 11 a.m. when San Angelo Cen-

tral faces Lubbock High. Pool C will be at Blankenship Field. They set the first game of the day for 9 a.m. and finds San Angelo Lakeview taking on Greenwood. The game at 10 a.m. will be San Angelo Lakeview against Brownfield. The last match of Pool C is at 11 a.m., and it will be Greenwood against Brownfield. Group D will likewise take place at Blankenship Field. It kicks off at 9 a.m. with Crane against Wink. The 10 a.m. game will be Wall vs. Sonora, and the last match of Pool D will be at 11 a.m., and it will be Crane battling Sonora.

After the round-robin play of each Pool, the top two seeds in each Pool

> vance the playoffs, a singleg a m e elimination tournament. After a lunch break, the teams back work p.m.

at Memorial Stadium. The winner of Pool A will face off against the second-place team of Pool D. Then second-place team from Pool A will play the First-place team of Pool B. At 2 p.m., the single-elimination tournament will continue when the top team from Pool B plays the second seed for

Pool C. Then second-place seed from Pool B will take on the top finisher in Pool C. The semifinals will be held at 3 p.m. when the winners from the 1 p.m. games will play each other, thus the squads who win the 2 p.m. games will play. Then the winner of those two games will play in the overall championship. They set the Showdown for a 4 p.m. start.

One of the cool things that will happen at this tournament is that they will raise money for a significant cause, Hope for Hailey. Hailey Williams is a 14-year-old Forsan native diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma; She had her first round of chemotherapy on May 10. They will have a table set up to collect any donations for this young lady. Big Spring will also have a concession stand, and all the proceeds will go to the Williams family. She also has a GoFundMe page; all vou have to do is go to GoFundMe. com and search for Hailey Williams. Let's all turn out and watch some good football, all while helping Hailey and her family.

Dustin is the Sports Writer for the Big Spring Herald. To contact him email sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Two local athletes sign on to continue athletic careers





Top Left: Rylee Evans signs with McMurry University to continue her basketball career. Evans averaged 15.6 points, 4.6 rebounds, 3.6steals, and 3.7 assist this year. She was also named the District 8-2A overall MVP of the year. She scored a fantastic 1,500 points in her career at Forsan. Evans was also named to the first-team All-Big Country team. Co-Offensive MVP Super Team, Co-offensive MVP 2A all West Texas Team. She was also the first team All-State academic. Top Right Phillip Lopez is signing to continue his golfing career at the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. Phillip is not only a fantastic golfer but an even better young man. This young man will go on to do great things in Hobbs. Congratulations to both of these exceptional local athletes. We wish you all the best in your next step in your athletic journies.

Astros slug season-high 5 homers to rout Angels 9-1

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON— José Altuve and Yuli Gurriel homered early as the Houston Astros hit a season-high five long balls Wednesday night in a 9-1 win over the Los Angeles Angels.

Altuve launched a leadoff homer and Gurriel, who also went deep Tuesday, added his two-run shot later in the first inning. Kyle Tucker also connected for a second straight game when he smacked another two-run drive off Andrew Heaney (1-3) in the sixth to make it 5-0.

"Guys are getting good pitches to hit and keeping pitchers in the stretch," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. "Hitting's contagious and just keep them coming."

Houston starter José Urquidy allowed two hits and struck out four in 3 2/3 innings before leaving with posterior shoulder discomfort.

"His strike-to-ball rate was outstanding and then all of a sudden he lost his velocity," Baker said. "He said he was feeling some discomfort behind his shoulder."

Brandon Bielak (2-2) was solid after Urquidy's early exit, giving up just two hits and a run in 3 1/3 innings for the win.

"He wasn't trying too hard tonight," Baker said. 'We told him to try less and be natural. He gave us all that we needed."

Yordan Álvarez hit a solo homer and Chas Mc-Cormick added a three-run shot in the eighth to help the Astros win their second consecutive series after they also took two of three from the Blue

Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani batted leadoff, making him the first player to do so the day after a pitching start since Ray Caldwell for the Yankees in July 1916. Ohtani, who struck out 10 in seven innings on Tuesday night, went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts on Wednesday.

Angels manager Joe Maddon was asked if he thought fatigue played into Ohtani's off night at

"He may have been fatigued tonight but he didn't relate that to me," Maddon said. "He'll get a nice day off tomorrow and then he'll just hit for a cou-

Heaney yielded a season-high nine hits with five

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runs in 5 1/3 innings for his second straight loss.

Altuve sent the first pitch he saw off the foul pole in left field. There were two outs in the first inning when Alvarez singled, and Gurriel made it 3-0 with his opposite-field shot to the front row of seats in right.

Carlos Correa singled after that before Heaney settled down, retiring 12 of the next 13 before Michael Brantley and Alex Bregman hit consecutive singles with two outs in the fifth.

Correa singled again with one out in the sixth before Tucker chased Heaney with his towering shot to the second deck in right field to push the lead to

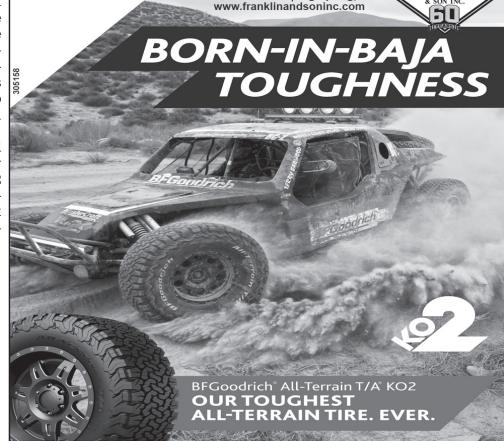
"The first inning happened and all I could do after that was put up zeros," Heaney said. "I tried to keep us in it. The way it ended was a backbreaker."

There were two outs in the fourth when Urquidy was injured. Pitching coach Brent Strom and a trainer came on the field to check on him before they summoned Baker, and Urquidy was removed from the game.

The Angels cut it to 5-1 on a sacrifice fly by Drew Butera in the eighth.

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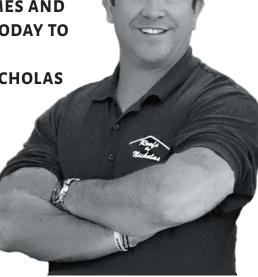
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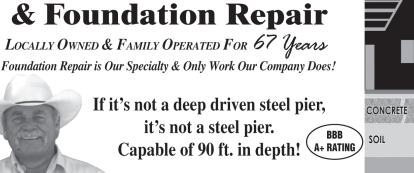
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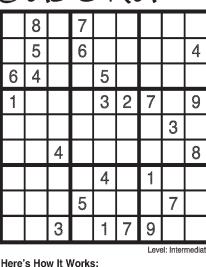
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Jupiter Goes Swimming

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your creative endeavors are like a net you cast into the world. They will bring you some of the things you chase, as well as what just happened to be drifting by, caught in the middle of that pursuit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Getting positive feedback and encouragement is helpful but not as helpful as the criticism that will shine light on where you can improve. Dare to ask for that, and you'll get both respect and valuable information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Limits lift with the acceptance of this truth: Our minds, as reliable as they may be, can only witness the smallest slice of any reality. Wisdom is not knowing more but embracing that you don't.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today, you will read the signs better than the Oracle at Delphi herself. Just remember that criticism isn't a sign that you shouldn't be doing a thing, it's actually just an opportunity to get better. Everyone can get better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Nobody likes to do what they are not good at. When you're not enjoying the work, the culprit is a knowledge gap that needs filling. Take a breath, stay receptive to learning, and it will get better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Since you

Tomorrow's Horoscope

either way, you may as well believe that this destiny unfolding includes the right people at the right time and the opportunities blood. Expensive tastes that lead to your ulti-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You made your choice, and now you're baffled as to why. You cannot remember your reasons, if you had them. Did outside forces have a hand in this fate? Perhaps, though it is yours to handle now, and handle it you will.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone has their own private worries. You're braver about this than most. You realize that hiding can be more energy than it's worth. You also know that your story cannot inspire other people if you don't tell it.

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Taking on too much leads to diminished results in all categories. But how do you tamp down the ambition that swells in you? Maybe you can't, but instead of rushing to tell everyone, air it somewhere safe, like a diary.

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CAPRICORN (Dec.

By Holiday Mathis 19). One difference between a bouquet of wild roses and a bouquet of weeds is that the wild roses can draw

> require sacrifice that may or may not be worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. **20-Feb. 18).** Contrast helps us see. The negative space is as much a part of the silhouette as the object itself. You'll understand what matters because it will stand out against a backdrop of so much that doesn't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's hard to say why people come down hard on one another, but usually, it's about something different than the situation at hand. You've a gift for steering clear of drama and staying in your own business.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (May 13). Your cosmic birthday boon is a well-focused supply of fearlessness. It allows you to trade in the change you thought you wanted for a fresh idea just coming into your realm. Breezy connections develop into deep bonds. Lifestyle upgrades will be affordable and in fact you'll be paid to teach others the change you

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Hoping for a Passionate Love

Dear Annie: After

years of being in an ice-cold marriage for many years, I have finally divorced. I am in my late 60s, active, fit and interested in dating and meeting "the right guy." I have lots of friends and many are single women. I have heard so many stories, some hilarious and some disastrous, of people in my age group dating. One thing that has piqued my curiosity is that many stories include disappointment in the intimacy department. It appears that women my age are more interested and capable than men are in this area of the relationship. Is it true? I am still hopeful that I can find a well-rounded, monogamous, fulfilling relationship -- even at this age. Say it isn't true! -- Looking for Love

Dear Looking: The bad news is that men tend to experience lower libido as they get older, and erectile dysfunction is also com-

mon. This can be due

to hormonal changes, medications (including ACE inhibitors), mood disorders or, in the case of erectile dvsfunction, cardiovascular trouble. The good news is that it's not inevitable. And men who lead a fit, healthy lifestyle are less likely to have these issues. Get out there and start meeting people, and you may be pleasantly surprised.

Dear Annie: I've known my friend since sixth grade. We talk on the phone a few times a week, and she says that I am her best friend. She and her husband moved to Florida a little over four years ago. Every time she's come back to visit -- four times so far -she's not made time to see me. I live 90 minutes away from where she stays and always invite her to come to see me. I even offer to meet halfway to have dinner or lunch, but she says she can't because she has family to see.

that I had to come see

When I traveled down to Florida once, this friend kept telling me

her. My time was also limited because I also had family to visit, but I extended my vacation two days to see her. I feel like she puts no effort when it comes to seeing me. I feel like a phone buddy. Do you have advice? -- Backburner Friend

Dear Backburner: This is a dilemma all

transplants face when returning home for visits: how to divvy their time between friends and family without leaving anyone feeling shortchanged. Reiterate to her how much it would mean for her to pay you a visit. If she feels too pressured to spend all her time in that region with family, then plan a girls' trip where the two of you meet in another town for a weekend. Make it a yearly or twice-yearly tradition. And savor the fact that you have such a close friendship.

Dear Annie: In the current April 2021 edition of the AARP Bulletin is an in-depth article "Inside an International Tech-Support Scam." If you can acquire a copy,

the information in this article could give you a tremendous amount of ammunition with which to assist those such as "Love Two Men." I doubt if AARP would object to your sharing such information. Your inclusion of warnings from the FBI triggered my idea to share with you the above-mentioned resource. -- Jim **Banks**

Dear Jim: Thank you for the tip about this compelling investigative report from AARP. I encourage everyone to find it online at the following URL: https://www. aarp.org/money/ scams-fraud/info-2021/ international-tech-support-scam-exposed. html. It's worth your time. And sign up for

AARP's free Watchdog Alerts or call their toll-free fraud helpline at 877-908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you've been a victim.

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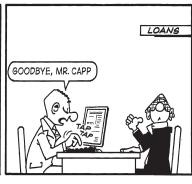
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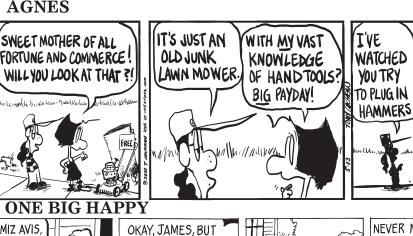
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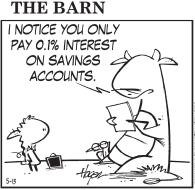
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This Date In History

Today in History

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Today is Thursday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2021. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day).

On this date:

In 1568, forces loyal to Mary, Queen of Scots were defeated by troops under her half-brother and Regent of Scotland, the Earl of Moray, in the Battle of Langside, thwarting Mary's attempt to regain power almost a year after she was forced to abdi-

In 1914, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis was born in Lafayette, Alabama.

In 1917, three shepherd children reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary near Fatima, Portugal; it was the first of six such apparitions that the children claimed to have witnessed.

British prime minister, Winston Churchill told Parliament, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and In 1958, Vice President Rich-

In 1940, in his first speech as

ard Nixon and his wife, Pat, were spat upon and their limousine battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezu-

In 1961, actor Gary Cooper died in Los Angeles six days after turning 60.

In 1967, a vault fire at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in Culver City, California, destroyed hundreds of the studio's early

In 1972, 118 people died after fire broke out at the Sennichi Department Store in Osaka, Japan.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet

Ali Agca (MEH'-met AH'-lee AH'-juh). In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authori-

ties and the radical group

MOVE ended as police dropped a bomb onto the group's row house, igniting a fire that killed 11 people and destroyed 61 homes.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton nominated federal appeals Judge Stephen G. Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Harry A. Blackmun; Brever went on to win Senate confirmation.

In 2002, President George W. Bush announced that he and Russian President Vladimir Putin (POO'-tihn) would sign a treaty to shrink their countries' nuclear arsenals by two-thirds.

Ten years ago: Two suicide bombers attacked paramilitary police recruits heading home after months of training in northwest Pakistan, killing 87 people in what the Pakistan Taliban called revenge for the U.S. slaying of Osama bin Laden. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi taunted NATO in an audio broadcast, saying he was alive despite a series of airstrikes and "in a place where you can't get to and kill me."

Five years ago: The Obama administration issued a directive requiring public schools to permit transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity. President Barack Obama hosted a state dinner honoring the leaders of Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Denmark and Norway, following a multilateral summit that Obama used to laud the Nordic states as model global citizens on climate change, security, humanitarian efforts and economic equality.

One year ago: President Donald Trump urged governors to work to reopen schools that were closed because of the coronavirus; he took issue with Dr. Anthony Fauci's caution against moving too quickly in returning students to class. The Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down Gov. Tony Evers' coronavirus stay-at-home order, ruling that his administration had overstepped its authority by extending the order for another month. An American

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cargo pilot, Brian Yeargan, was sentenced to four weeks in prison in Singapore for violating coronavirus restrictions by leaving his hotel to buy masks and a thermometer. Michigan regulators suspended the license of barber Karl Menke, who insisted on cutting hair despite an order to stay closed during the pandemic. Paul Manafort, a former Trump campaign chairman who was

victed as part of the special counsel's Russia probe, was released from federal prison to serve the rest of his sentence at home due to concerns about the coronavirus.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 83. Actor Harvey Keitel is 82. Author Charles Baxter is 74. Actor Zoe Wanamaker is 73. Actor Franklyn Ajaye is 72. Singer Stevie Wonder is 71.

Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich (KAY'-sihk) is 69. Actor Leslie Winston is 65. Producer-writer Alan Ball is 64. Basketball Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is 60. "Late Show" host Stephen Colbert (kohl-BEHR') is 57. Rock musician John Richardson (The Gin Blossoms) is 57. Actor Tom Verica is 57. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 55.

tor Samantha Morton is 44 Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., is 44. Former NBA player Mike Bibby is 43. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 42. Actor Iwan Rheor is 36. Actor-writer-director Lena Dunham is 35. Actor Robert Pattinson is 35. Actor Candice Accola King is 34 Actor Hunter Parrish is 34

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