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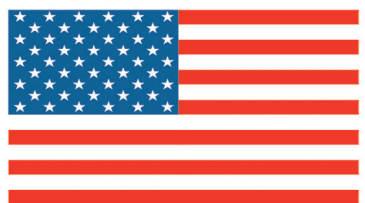
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Upcoming Events

Veterans of Comedy Fundraiser Show for DAV of Big Spring
 June 11 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Rd.
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Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show is open - the community is invited to stop by the Heritage Museum of Big Spring to view the pieces that were submitted by area artists.

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

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

Forsan Graduation
 May 28, 6 p.m. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

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West Texas Centers offers mental health assistance in 23 counties

Special to the Herald
 WTC

Maintaining mental health in the COVID-19 era has proven difficult worldwide, forcing many West Texans to change routines, jobs and social activities as a result of the pandemic.

“Many people lost jobs, children were unable to attend classes on-site and many became ill during 2020 and into 2021,” said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW. “We have experienced such extremes, ranging from our personal to our professional lives, not to mention our health.”

“Couple that with all the things that have been added to our daily lives: wearing masks, social distancing, and constant sanitization for fear of contracting a life-threatening illness has worn us down.

“It’s no secret that our mental health has been stretched to the limits as we learned to adapt to a new normal.”

West Texas Centers, which serves 23 counties in rural West Texas, operates 15 mental health clinics. Although many of their services changed during lock-down, the mental health authority continued to provide services through teleconferencing, phone calls, texting or e-mails.

The Center also operates a 24-hour Mental Health Hotline available to anyone experiencing a crisis. That number is 1-800-375-4357.

“Since so many of us were confined to our homes, we did see an uptick in calls,” Smith said. “We were so glad that we had that resource during this past year.”

The stress of the unknown can cause difficulty sleeping, relying on drugs or

alcohol to cope, problems concentrating, gaining weight or fighting more with family members and friends.

Many adults also are concerned about the effects on their children, with more than a quarter of parents seeking professional mental health help as a result of the pandemic, according to a recent study from the American Psychiatric Association.

Finding suitable help from a mental health professional is an additional difficulty, Smith said.

“We are fortunate to have a strong staff of mental health professionals who are available for the children, adults and their families in our area,” she said.

“We are calling special attention to our outreach this month during Mental Health Awareness Month,” Smith said.

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Walker achieves Eagle Scout - highest honor in Boy Scouts

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can achieve. This achievement is one that was recently achieved by Malachi Sevin Walker.

The official recognition was received on Feb. 11, at the 18-year-old completed the Eagle Scout Board of Review and was recognized in Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout. He is part of Troop 1 and will officially be honored with this achievement, surrounded by family, friends and fellow scouts in a ceremony on May 15 at First United Methodist Church.

“He has worked for this elusive achievement since he was seven years old, which began in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., when he was part of Cub Scout Pack 33,” Leslie Walker, Malachi’s mother, said. “He, as a Cub Scout, transferred to the local Cub Scout Pack 29, where he earned his remaining ranks, which includes the distinguished the Arrow of Light award.”

According to Malachi’s mom, Cub Scout Pack 29 hosted his crossover ceremony where he was received by Troop 1. Malachi worked diligently over the next several years to earn 30 merit badges and the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second class, First class, Star, and Life. As he achieved each of the ranks, he as-



Courtesy photo
 Pictured is Malachi Sevin Walker who recently reached the rank of Eagle Scout, at the age of 18.

sumed many positions within Troop 1 in Big Spring. He was elected Assistant

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BSPD issues update on dog bite victim: cause of death heart attack

Special to the Herald
 BSPD

The Big Spring Police Department issued an update regarding John Henry, 46, who was pronounced dead following a dog attack last week.

The preliminary autopsy has been released to investigators, and indicates Mr. Henry’s cause of death was found to be a heart attack. Investigators believe this heart attack was attributed to the dog attacking him. The owner of the dog has signed an owner release euthanasia, although the dog is still being monitored for rabies prior to its destruction.

The investigation found that Mr. Henry was outside a residence in the 1100 block of E. 13th St., where the dog resided. The dog was found to have been inside this residence of the known acquaintance to Mr. Henry prior to the dog attack, and was not at large prior to this incident. The case is still under investigation and any charges will be presented to the District Attorney for consideration at a later date. No further information is available at this time.

Severe weather blew through Howard County Monday

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Howard County residents experienced another round of unusual weather Monday evening into the early morning hours of Tuesday.

Early in the day Monday, the National Weather Service issued warnings for the Howard County and surrounding areas regarding Level 4 - Moderate Risk weather. The severe weather was expected to bring very large hail, severe wind gusts, frequent lightning and the possibility of tornadoes.

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Courtesy photos
 Malinda Pope captured a beautiful photo of the clouds during a break in the rain (pictured above). Pictured at left: A Howard County resident in the Tubbs Edition area compares the size of hail falling during the storm.

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Obituaries

Eric David Hughes

Eric David Hughes, 67, passed away on May 6, 2021.

Eric was born on May 18, 1953, to William Dean and Bette Hughes in Neodesha, Kan.

He is preceded in death by his parents. Eric is survived by his wife, Laura Hughes of Big Spring, Texas; daughters, Erica Hughes and husband, Travis Williams, of Burnet, Texas, Stacy Thomas and husband, Mike, of San Angelo, Texas, Cassy Hughes of Burnet, Texas; step-

children, Leighanna Wingo and Cody Wingo, both of Big Spring, Texas; grandchildren, Zoe and Adam Williams, Zach Thomas, Lennon and Sawyer Nalley, Jaiela Wingo, and Aiden and Eric Wingo; siblings, DeAnn Hughes and husband, Joe Berchenko, of Lincoln, Neb., and Ron Hughes and his wife, Diana, of Waco, Texas.

A memorial service is to be set at a later date.

Paid obituary

Lucie B. Vogel

Lucie B. Vogel, 56, of Big Spring died Monday, May 10, 2021.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Lucie was born on Feb. 27, 1965.

Survivors include her husband, Adam Vogel of Big Spring; two sons, Matthew Smith and Luke Smith, both of California; one daughter, Sariah Vogel of Big Spring; two grandchildren; her father, Mitchell Smith and his wife Catherine of California.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jordan Smith.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Louise Huitt

Louise Huitt, 72, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 17, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jose Brito

Jose Brito, 78, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 20, 2021. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of S. Settles. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of S. Birdwell. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of W. 3rd Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of McDonald Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Oil Mill Road. No transport was required.

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Weather



Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Saturday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

EAGLE

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Senior Patrol Leader, Chaplain, and Senior Patrol Leader. He is inducted into the Boy Scouts of America's, honor Society, Order of the Arrow. Throughout scouting Malachi participated with his Packs and Troop in community service projects, events, fundraisers, and charities. "During his Junior and Senior year, he saw a need and rose to the occasion as his contribution to 'doing a good turn daily' by way of his Eagle Scout project. His Eagle Scout Project consisted of fabricating, welding, painting, and installing a bike rack for the elementary students for his school at Sands CISD," Walker said. "This was not an easy feat to navigate during the global pandemic, however, through perseverance at long last, he had achieved the goal that he had set for himself as a young Cub Scout,

by completing his Eagle Scout project!"

Malachi continues to be active in Troop 1 and is in training to be Assistant Scoutmaster. He plans to be involved with Scouts while at West Texas A&M then Texas A&M while studying Physics and Material Engineering.

Malachi has expressed to many that he feels that it is his duty to contribute to society to the best of his abilities and to always be involved in Boy Scouts to maintain the traditions of scouting for generations to come.

Malachi will graduate as Salutatorian on May 14, 2021 in Ackerly, Texas. On this day, a flag will be flown over the Capitol by request of Honorable Jodey C. Arrington, in honor of his achievement of earning Eagle Scout Rank.

To contact the Big Spring Herald, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note

• Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center will be celebrating 60 years on Wednesday June 2 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Big Spring ISD summer lunch services will begin June 1 and run through July 30. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Serving will take place at Goliad from June 1 through July 30; High School from June 1 through June 24; Junior High from June 7 - June 24.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Tuesday, beginning May 18 at Noon. The lectures will take place in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext. 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary jewelry sale is set for May 20 and May 21. Both days the sale will start at 7 a.m. and it will end at 6 p.m. on May 20th 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 available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and meals will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. For more information, call 432-263-2084.

• College Baptist Church Vacation Bible School 2021 will take place June 6-10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. College Baptist Church is located at 1105 Birdwell Lane. To register call the church office at 432-267-7429. Preregistration must be completed.

• 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 pm. in the Cactus Room located in the Student Union Building of Howard College.

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Darrin Crooks, 61, died Saturday. No services will be held.

Lucie B Vogel, 56, died Monday. Memorial services will be at a later date.

Travis Marshall "Mark" Bradley Jr., 67, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Louise Huitt, 72, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jose Brito, 78, died Tuesday. Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with vigil at 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 2:00 PM Thursday with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

HEALTH

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"We usually invite the public for large celebrations involving giveaways and refreshments but we are still exercising caution and continuing social distancing."

Many of the 15 mental health clinics will have giveaways for children, such as sunglasses and wristbands with motivational quotes. Clinics will also provide cookies and drinks.

"We want to encourage people who may think they need assistance to call our clinics or our Crisis Hotline. We want people to get help and we think we are only scratching the surface of those

who need assistance."

Many people do need professional help, Smith said but others can cope with health measures such as taking a walk each day; keeping in touch with friends and family; and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Remaining healthy and living a good life can do wonders during this difficult time, Smith said.

"We want to do everything we can for the people in our communities," she said.

West Texas Centers serves the people of Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.

STORM

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As the day progressed, weather conditions worsened and by 4 p.m. the dark clouds were moving into the area.

While every area inside Howard County seemed to receive a downpour of rain, the size of hail was different depending on where you were located. Some residents south of town saw baseball size hail while others around Comanche Trail Park only received pea to golf ball size hail. There were some areas who never had hail in the area as the storms moved out of the county.

In anticipation of weather conducive to producing tornadic activity the Coahoma School District opened up the tunnels, and Forsan ISD also opened up the Elementary school in case bad weather ensued.

According to several storm trackers and the Howard County Sheriff's Department rotation was spotted around the For-

san area. A funnel cloud was spotted two miles southwest of Forsan. No damage was reported as of press time pertaining to a tornado.

There were some Howard County residents who did receive damage from the hail storm.

The storms seemed to have moved out of the area by nightfall with a second round of the storm blowing through in the early morning hours of Tuesday.

Several residents took to Facebook and shared photos of the calm after the storm, a few photos of supercells and the different size hail that fell at their homes.

Severe weather season is not over for West Texas.

It is recommended that each residence have a severe weather plan. A few safety tips offered to help local residents handle Monday evening's storms included:

• Make sure phones are charged in advance

• More than one source of receiving weather updates is available

• Find a safe, sturdy place in the center of the home, away from windows or find a storm shelter

• Do not drive across flooded roads

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Governor Abbott issues Executive Order prohibiting government entities from mandating masks

Special to the Herald

Governor Greg Abbott today issued an Executive Order prohibiting governmental entities in Texas — including counties, cities, school districts, public health authorities, or government officials — from requiring or mandating mask wearing. Public schools may continue to follow current mask-wearing guidelines through June 4. After June 4, no student, teacher, parent, or other staff member or visitor can be required to wear a mask

while on campus.

Beginning May 21, local governments or officials that attempt to impose a mask mandate or impose a limitation inconsistent or conflicting with the Executive Order can be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

"The Lone Star State continues to defeat COVID-19 through the use of widely-available vaccines, antibody therapeutic drugs, and safe practices utilized by Texans in our communities," said Governor Abbott. "Texans, not government, should decide their

best health practices, which is why masks will not be mandated by public school districts or governmental entities. We can continue to mitigate COVID-19 while defending Texans' liberty to choose whether or not they mask up."

Exempt from the Executive Order are state-supported living centers, government-owned or operated hospitals, Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities, Texas Juvenile Justice Department facilities, and county and municipal jails.

Juror removed from Durst murder trial as pandemic delay ends

By BRIAN MELLEY

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — A juror who read about the murder trial of multimillionaire Robert Durst during an unprecedented 14-month hiatus tied to the coronavirus pandemic was removed Tuesday as lawyers prepared to present a new round of opening statements.

Judge Mark Windham said he was removing the juror after she violated a court order not to read about the case during the lengthy break.

Windham said the juror "took umbrage" that defense attorneys sought a mistrial because they felt the jurors wouldn't be able to remember what they had heard over six days before the case was halted in March 2020.

Windham acknowledged the hiatus when he welcomed back jurors Monday and joked, "Where did we leave off?"

Whatever jurors may have forgotten about Durst — from the cloud of suspicion that has dogged him for decades to his claims of being trailed by bad luck — they will be reminded in a new round of opening arguments.

Durst, 78, an heir to a New York commercial real estate empire, is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of his best friend, Susan Berman. She was shot in the back of the head at her Los Angeles home in December 2000.

Durst has pleaded not guilty.

His lawyer said Durst didn't kill her and doesn't know who did, though he conceded last year that Durst found her body, putting him at the crime scene for the first time.

The unusual move to have a new round of opening statements is just one of several made to get the trial back on track without having to go through the painstaking process of picking a new jury.

The judge moved the case to a larger courtroom in Inglewood to accommodate the distancing needed to resume.

Lawyers are spaced out in jury boxes on both sides of the courtroom, Plexiglas separates participants, and the 20 jurors, including eight alternates, are seated several seats and rows apart in the gallery. Only one journalist and one member of the public are allowed in the courtroom.

Durst, who is frail and sickly, returned to court Tuesday after being absent a day earlier. Dressed in a blue jacket, white shirt and tan pants, he was slumped in a wheelchair with a white mask and his gray hair disheveled. Durst, who has hearing aids, was following along with a tablet computer and real-time transcript as the judge reinstructed the jury.

The judge denied a defense request Monday to postpone the case further because Durst has bladder cancer, among other health problems that require hospitalization.

"The question isn't whether he can endure the rigors of the trial," defense attorney Dick DeGuerin said. "It's whether he can survive at all."

Deputy District Attorney John Lewin scoffed at claims Durst needed to be released to a hospital for treatment, saying he was getting high-quality care in jail.

"It's a get-out-of-jail-free card," Lewin said. "The goal here is simply to have this trial go away."

The sides have often gotten into heated arguments. Tensions exploded Monday into hollering and mutual accusations of lying over an evidence issue.

Durst's lawyers have repeatedly sought a mistrial without success.

They said the unprecedented delay would harm Durst's ability to get a fair trial because jurors preoccupied with their own health and safety wouldn't be able to pick up where they left off.

Windham denied each of those motions, saying he would bring the jury back to court when it was safe to do so.

Durst is only on trial in the killing of Berman, the daughter of a Las Vegas mobster whom he became friends with in college, but prosecutors are using the disappearance of his wife and the killing of an elderly neighbor in Texas to bolster their case.

He was arrested in New Orleans in 2015 on the eve of the final episode of "The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst," an HBO documentary probing the three cases.

Berman served as Durst's spokeswoman when his wife, Kathie, vanished in New York in 1982 and she helped him cover his tracks, prosecutors said.

Durst has long been suspected of killing his wife, whose body was never found, though he's denied any role in her disappearance.

Prosecutors in Westchester County, New York, said Monday that they were reviewing the killing of Kathie Durst as one of several unsolved homicides.

When news broke in fall 2000 that the Westchester district attorney had reopened the case, prosecutors allege that Durst went into hiding in Texas and knocked off Berman before she could tell police she helped him cover up the killing.

Nine months later, he fatally shot his neighbor, Morris Black, in the Galveston, Texas, boarding house where they lived. He was acquitted in the case after he testified that he shot the man in self-defense and then in a panic cut up the man's body and tossed it out to sea.

Los Angeles prosecutors said he killed Black because the older man had discovered his identity.

Durst's lawyers have said he will testify again in this trial, a rare and risky move. Lewin, the prosecutor, said Monday that he was savoring the chance to cross-examine Durst.

"Get your popcorn and candy and a lounge chair because it's going to be a while," Lewin said.

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Video shows slain Dallas 4-year-old being taken from bed

DALLAS (AP) — About two hours before a 4-year-old boy was found dead on a Dallas street, a man lifted the sleeping boy from his bed and carried him away, court documents say, citing home surveillance video.

The boy, whom authorities identified Monday as Cash Gernon, was being taken care of by the girlfriend of Cash's father, police said. The girlfriend, who said Cash's father had been absent since March, identified the person who took Cash from his bed at 5 a.m. Saturday as 18-year-old Darriynn Brown, police said.

A police detective watched the home surveillance video with the girlfriend, who identified Brown as the man who took the boy from his crib, according to the detective's arrest affidavit obtained by The

Dallas Morning News. The affidavit does not detail Brown's relationship to Cash's family or offer any explanation for Brown taking Cash.

Brown is being held on charges of kidnapping and burglary.

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Coahoma Bulldogettes Softball team dominate 5-3A All-District Awards



Courtesy photos

Top left: Jocelyn Torres-Mendoza looks for the pitch call during Coahoma's game with Stamford on April 26, 2021. Torres-Mendoza will play collegiate softball at the Rider University located in New Jersey in the fall. Top right: Coahoma's Madison Rodgers returns to the dugout after scoring during the Bulldogettes game against Pecos on March 13, 2021. Rodgers is a junior and has been the leadoff hitter for the Bulldogettes since her freshman year. Bottom left: Coahoma's Kenzi Canales catches a pitch during the Bulldogettes district game against Reagan County on March 23, 2021. Canales will move to Kansas in the fall to join the McPerson College softball team. Bottom right: MaKynlee Overton pitches during the Bulldogettes softball game against Reagan County on March 23, 2021. Overton is a four-year varsity softball player and has been the starting Bulldogette pitcher since her freshman year.

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

The Coahoma Bulldogettes had a significant presence in the District 5-3A Softball awards. Jocelyn Mendoza was named the Overall District MVP. The Offensive MVP title went to Madison Rodgers. Kenzi Canales snagged the Defensive MVP award. The pitcher of the District was MaKynlee Overton. The Utility player of the year was Makayla Calvio, and Coach of the year designation went to Alexander Orosco.

First team All-District players included Brynn Rodgers, Karleigh Burt, Shae

Lang, and Christian Everett. Second team honors went to Cayhill Lewis and Alexcia Munoz.

The Bulldogettes Softball team had a remarkable season as they finished the year with a 26-7 record. This team was loaded with talent all over the field, as you can see from all of the awards this team won. They not only have fantastic talent but outstanding leadership on the field. They are a complete team. The Bulldogettes season came to an end this past weekend as Jacksboro beat them in the Regional Quarterfinals. This team has nothing to hang its head about, they represented Bulldog Nation with pride, and we should all be very proud of them.

Big Spring Steers to host a Football camp next week



By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

With summer rapidly approaching and schools getting out for vacation break this week, you may

look for something for the youngsters to do to punt off the summer. Well, search no further because the Big Spring Steers are presenting a Football camp next week.

The Football Camp will be for all incoming first through sixth graders, and will be held at Memorial Stadium. The dates of the event are May 25-27, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. The three-day camp will be \$40, which includes the football program and a Big Spring Steer Football Camp shirt. You can pick registration forms up at any of the Elementary Schools or the ATC. Registration and fees are

due no later than May 24. You can return the registration forms and payments to the Big Spring ATC, and please make all checks payable to BSHS Football; cash will also be accepted.

This camp will be an ideal opportunity for the young ones to grasp the essentials of football and form an exceptional work ethic, teamwork skills, and individual techniques.

The camp is an exceptional chance for these youths to have a head start on learning the game of football. The camp will be guided by Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Cannon McWilliams. He will have many other assistant coaches there to help him coach these children up. This camp will be a positive way to kick off the summer. If you have questions, please call the Athletic Office at 432-264-3662 or call Coach Cannon at 432-257-5611. Let's get as many kids as we can to join and make this experience a success.

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

Bama-Miami; Clemson-Georgia highlight ESPN's opening weekend

By The Associated Press undefined

ESPN's opening weekend of college football features defending national champion Alabama facing Miami in Atlanta and Clemson vs. Georgia in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The network also announced a six-year agreement with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and Southwestern Athletic Conference to continue broadcasting the MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff and the Celebration Bowl matching both league's champions. Both games take place in Atlanta.

In anticipation of a return to normal this season, ESPN

announced Tuesday its featured matchups for Labor Day weekend and the first three Saturday night games on ABC.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused most nonconference games to be canceled last season, along with a delayed start to the season in the Power Five conferences.

This season is expected to start on time with the schedule intact and Sept. 4 as the first full Saturday of major college football games.

Alabama-Miami will kick off at 3:30 p.m. EDT and air on ABC, followed by Clemson-Georgia at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

Notre Dame will play at Florida State on Sunday, Sept. 5, kicking off at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

The Labor Day night game will be Louisville against Mississippi in Atlanta at 8 p.m. on ESPN.

The ABC Saturday night matchups for the next two weeks of the season will be Washington at Michigan on Sept. 11 and Auburn at Penn State on Sept. 18.

ESPN will also air Texas at Arkansas on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

The Red River Show-

down between Texas and Oklahoma will air on one of the ESPN networks on Oct. 9 along with Notre Dame at Virginia Tech. Kickoff times are still to be determined.

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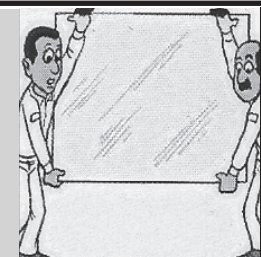
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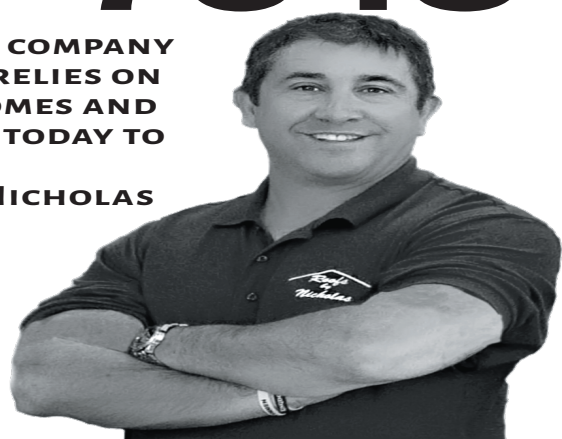
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Annie's Mailbox

Trying to Beat Addiction

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter from "Outside the Bottle Looking In," whose wife is an alcoholic. I will start by saying I am so tremendously sorry for the heartbreak you are experiencing, and I admire the unselfish love you have for your wife and your never-ending desire to see her healthy. You mentioned that you hoped and prayed someone else will see themselves in your letter, and I felt compelled to inform you that I not only saw myself in your letter but also felt the pain that you, and my significant other, must experience on a daily basis at the hands of

someone's self-serving addiction. I know I will have to take multiple breaks to "cry it out" throughout this letter, but getting the pain out of my system is part of the process.

As is true for most alcoholics, I grew up with an alcoholic father, who, at 74, is now drinking himself to death on a daily basis. As much as I would like to help him, I can barely keep my own boat afloat most days, so jumping into his boat right now would simply drown us both. I have quit drinking in the past, due to health issues as severe as pancreatitis, but for the past five years, I have managed to drink just under what it takes to noticeably

hurt myself. Needless to say, the damage I am knowingly doing to my body is nothing short of irrational and unnecessary.

Being a high-functioning alcoholic, I hold a full-time day job running a Christian school, where I get all the love I need from the kids, without judgment. They, however, deserve an adult in their lives who does not miss Mondays because Sunday was a bit too rough. My son is set to graduate from high school this year, and he deserves a mom who can masterfully plan his graduation party, attend commencement and not have to drink during the celebration because it might be a little

too stressful. And my significant other needs to know that while he's busy caring for the family and tending to those things outside of the house that pay the bills, he need not worry that someone is home drinking the moment he leaves the house and taking advantage of his generosity and trust.

In every situation, good and bad, people need to hear a message from someone else. Parents convey things to their children redundantly, but until the children hear it from the teacher, it doesn't stick. Today, you are my "someone else." Although I've only been sober for a month or so, since your letter was published in our

local paper, it has been the greatest month of my life. Everyone finally got the REAL me back. That is the same amazing ME I've always been but spent years drowning in alcohol, so thank you for breathing life and hope back into my life. I hope God delivers the support your wife needs, just as you delivered the message I needed to help myself. God bless those who love and care for alcoholics, because until we choose to care for ourselves, we hurt so many. You are all priceless. -- Finally Crawled Out of the Bottle

Dear Finally Crawled Out of the Bottle: Thank you for sharing your letter and your beautiful story of

courage and success. Alcoholics may be self-serving in their addiction, but the addiction itself is a disease. The choice for the sober alcoholic is whether to take that first drink. If he or she succumbs, all future drinks are manifestations of the disease. That's why they say that for an alcoholic, "One drink is too many, a thousand not enough." Millions of others share this disease, so you don't have to go on this journey alone. I hope you are going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for reinforcement, support and advice.

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Just like Humpty Dumpty

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

EAST
♠ K J 10 9 5
♥ K 10
♦ K 7
♣ J 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ 4
♦ Q 10 8 5 2
♠ A K 9 8 3

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1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠
2♣ 2♠ 3♦ Pass
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Opening lead — two of spades.
One of the things that makes bridge so appealing is that every once in a while, you can accomplish something that seems absolutely impossible. Consider this deal where it appears that declarer must go down one in five diamonds after a spade lead by West. If you study the matter more closely, however, it turns out that 11 tricks can be made with normal, but careful, play.

Declarer wins the spade lead and sees that he can't afford to tackle trumps right away, which would

allow the defenders to score a spade trick in addition to their two trump tricks.

He therefore plays the Q-K-A of clubs, hoping the suit is divided 3-3, in which case he can discard dummy's remaining spade. But West ruffs the ace of clubs with the three of trump, forcing dummy to overruff. The spade loser is still there, but the effort to avert it is not yet over.

Declarer cashes dummy's ace of hearts, trumps a heart and ruffs another club in dummy, establishing his fifth club. He then trumps a heart (East cannot afford to ruff) and leads the nine of clubs.

If West were to ruff with the ace of trump, South would discard dummy's spade and easily make the contract. So let's say West does not ruff. In that case, South discards the spade from dummy as East ruffs with the seven. This is the first trick for the defense, and although the A-K of trump are still at large, the contract is now safely in the harbor.

East returns a spade, ruffed in dummy, and when declarer next plays a trump, the A-K come tumbling down. As a result, South makes the contract. By progressive steps he compels the defenders to expend their two small trumps, eliminating the spade loser in the process, and then, just like Humpty Dumpty, he creates a great fall.

Tomorrow: Precision defense.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't imagine your way into new circumstances, but you also can't make it happen without imagination. Dream, act, dream more, and then act more. The cycle feeds on itself. Before you know it, you're somewhere else.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're caring and have warmth for all around you. When you get tired, it's easy to forget your No. 1 purpose, which is to love and be loved, but some sweetness you've planted will grow to remind you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). With communication as your abiding forte, you're in tune with how much detail people want from a story or explanation -- far less than most people think. Your day will clip along, peppered with efficient interactions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Every world has unique etiquette and a requisite learning curve. Rules get breeched. Take this as your cue to offer or seek the understanding to smooth it over.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are currently linked to your work in such a way that you couldn't untie it from who you are, if, indeed, you even wanted to. The way you present yourself is part of the package.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The question of whether or not you should address something is the first consideration. Many problems

can be solved by neither recognizing their problematic status nor claiming them as your own.

LI-BRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Should you show up in person? These days, matters of attendance are complicated. If you don't want to go, then you have the perfect excuse not to. Figure out another way to show your support though. Opportunities hang in the balance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Lofty goals are good for morale. High stakes and a deadline help, too. People get along better when they are building something that requires cooperation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes, people are oblivious because they lack the courage it takes to notice what needs fixing and do something about it. You're brave in this regard. Once you see what's right, you have to act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Before virtual reality and meditation apps existed, Carl Jung had the counterintuitive statement, "Who looks outside dreams; who looks inside awakes." You'll have a moment of living the

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You generally have a stock of polite options on the ready for the usual situations. It's when someone insists on your real opinion, as they will today, that you could be thrown for a loop. Levity and brevity are the magic pairing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Since you always feel more comfortable when you know the names and main details of the people you deal with, it's worth briefing yourself before the interaction. The time you take to bone up on social niceties will be well-spent.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 19). You don't realize what a weight you carried until the beautiful lightening that occurs when you let it go. You'll float! Your liberation comes in two significant points of the year. One burden drops as you're working on relationships. This allows love to flow more freely. Another lift happens when a security need becomes irrelevant. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 15, 2 and 40.

COSMIC QUESTION: "I want to share the culture I was brought up on with my daughter (she's 8 years old), and I'm realizing that the messaging of the movies from my youth (which include a fair number of princess movies in which the girl rarely saves herself, and every feminine character is somehow wrapped around the narrative of a male character) is not the modeling I want for her. She's a Pisces, and I'm an Aquarius. What should I teach her about what it means to be a woman?"

As the sign of tomorrow, Aquarius people are uniquely wired to concern themselves with the future ramifications of actions. Aquarius people are known to be forward-thinking, and they feel it is their responsibility to live in a way that creates an improved next world. Your mindful example already teaches your impressionable young Pisces more than you might guess about what it means to be a woman.

If you're asking whether or not you should let her watch princess movies, many of which have come a long way since the fairytales of yesteryear, my suggestion is to keep the dialogue open. Your Pisces is a wise soul with an understanding beyond her years.

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Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER:

DWD: Driving While Distracted

3,142
people killed
by distracted
driving in
2019.

(NHTSA)

The National
Safety Council
reports that cell
phone use while
driving leads to
1.6 million
crashes each year.

(NSC)

Texting while
driving is
6 times
more likely to
cause an accident
than drinking and
driving.

(arrivealivetour.com)

About
1 in 5
of the people
who died in
crashes involving
a distracted driver
in 2018 were not in
vehicles—they were
walking, riding
bikes or outside of
a vehicle.

(CDC.gov)

9% of fatal
crashes,
15% of injury
crashes and
15% of all
police-reported
traffic crashes in
2019 were due to
distracted driving.

(NHTSA)

Nearly
890,000
injuries occur each
year from accidents
caused by texting
while driving.

(NHTSA)

In 2019,
there were
424,000
people injured
in motor vehicle
crashes involving
distracted drivers

(NHTSA)

Every day,
9
people will
die from the
results of
distracted
driving, while
texting &
driving is the
main culprit.

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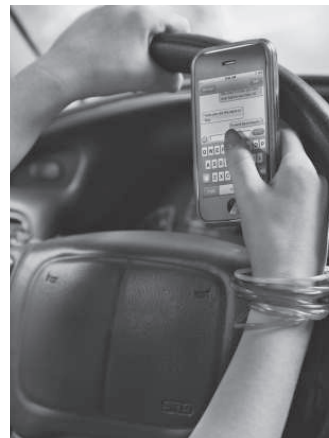


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