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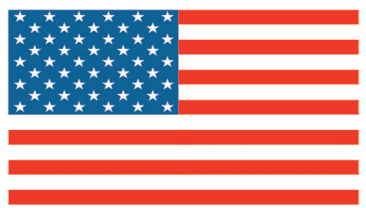
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*Summer meal program through BSISD begins June 1.*

*Big Spring Art Association Area Wide Art Show reception is set for May 27*

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

*Memorial Day May 31 Flag Raising Ceremony at Vietnam Memorial Community invited to attend*

*Share your news and sports photos with us. E-mail editor@bigspringherald.com*

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## Forsan High School announces 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Forsan ISD has announced its Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2021. Commencement ceremonies will take place Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and masks will be optional.

Valedictorian for 2021 is Mason Hillger, son of Robert and Courtenay Hillger.

He has attended school in Forsan ISD since kindergarten. Mason's favorite subject is math. He has participated in extra-curricular activities including band, basketball, UIL academics, student council, and National Honor Society.

Throughout his high school career, Hillger has received numerous awards for his accomplishments academically



**Mason Hillger**  
 Valedictorian



**Rylee Evans**  
 Salutatorian

and athletically. His recognitions include: College Board National Recognition Program, Small Town Scholar, three trips to the state marching band competition (4th, 5th, and 2nd place), three trips to the state spelling and vocabulary competition (3rd, 2nd, and 1st place), All-District First Team in bas-

ketball, FCA Big Country All-Star in basketball, THSCA Academic All-State Elite Team in basketball, and National Honor Society Vice President.

As he steps into the next phase of his educational career, he plans to attend West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, Calif., where he will pursue a degree in missions to become a church planting missionary in a foreign field.

His faith is an important foundation of his journey and he has shared a few of his favorite scriptures and quotes that he has chosen to live by: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." - Proverbs 22:29; "[W]hat is good ... but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" - Micah 6:8; "A prudent man forseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished." - Proverbs 27:12; and "Enter ye

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## Property valuations have been sent out, many residents seeing increases countywide

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

Valuations were mailed out to property owners in Howard County Friday, and Interim Chief Appraiser Richard Petree is looking to offer explanations for recent increases in valuations countywide.

According to Petree, an influx of people moving to Texas has caused real estate prices to spike. Before Petree's hiring, the local Appraisal District did

not adequately keep pace with the increasing prices.

"They had failed the Property Value Study, which is a process by which the State Comptroller's employees come in and look at homes that sold, and compare that sales price to our value on the appraisal roll," Petree said. "They failed pretty dismally here in this district. For instance, it would not be unusual to see a house sell for \$120,000 and the appraisal



**Richard Petree**  
 Interim Chief Appraiser

roll have \$80,000. The differential that is allowable in the tax code is a 5 percent margin. Even though we may not be 5 percent on every sale, the composite needs to be 5 percent."

The failure to provide accurate values - Petree said the Howard County Appraisal District had averaged about 15 percent low instead of the allowed 5 percent - is costing local entities a fortune in state funding, Petree added.

"To let you know how severe it is, when you don't hit those numbers, and you don't get within 10 percent - what the state calls the 'margin of error', which we were below that - then it is an immediate

loss of state funding," Petree said. "Big Spring ISD calculated theirs, and it's about \$3.4 million in loss. It also impacted Forsan and Coahoma, but not to the degree that it impacted Big Spring."

Such losses can be devastating for local entities. Getting back on track is going to require some pretty major hikes in property values this year.

"We don't want it to happen again, so we're bringing all those values up within the community to meet that requirement," Petree said. "We have to send notices to people that tell them 'Your

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## Scenic Mountain employee receives donation from Steward after experiencing a home fire

Special to the Herald  
 SMMC

A fellow Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) employee is counting his blessings after losing his home because of a fire on April 3. David Deasis, plant operations tech of 10 years at Scenic Mountain, received a \$5,000 donation from the Steward Health Care Disaster Relief Foundation to help with expenses while he found a new home.

"On Easter morning I was woken up by a knock on my door and my apartments were on fire," said Deasis. "The donation from Steward was a big surprise and something I did not expect. I'm lucky because there are people out there who don't have the help I've been given. Everyone in the hospital has stepped up and helped me and I'm very thankful."

The Steward Health Care Foundation is dedicated to helping employees who are facing difficulty following a natural



Courtesy photo

**David Deasis, plant operations tech, who has worked at SMMC for 10 years recently experienced a house fire. The organization extended a donation to help Deasis recover.**

am incredibly proud of our staff who offered help as well. We are truly a family in this community and proud to help one of our own."

disaster and certain emergencies. The Foundation is an independent non-profit entity sponsored by Steward Health Care, the nation's largest private, tax-paying health care system. The idea for the foundation originated in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Imelda in 2019 and the flooding that devastated regions of southeast Texas. Since then, Steward employees across the nation have endured additional natural disasters, including tornadoes and earthquakes, and our employees have always wanted to know how to best lend a hand to colleagues in need. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, now more than ever, the need for assistance is great.

"Having one of our employees lose their home is devastating, and we were so grateful Steward was able to help David during these challenging times," said Stacey Brown, president of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "I

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## Obituaries

### Angline Torres



Angline Torres, 47, of Big Spring died Monday, May 24, 2021.

Viewing will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Friday, May 28, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Chapel at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Angline was born July 26, 1973, in Corpus Christi.

She is survived by her husband: Ildifonso (Lee) Torres of Big Spring; one daughter: Chelsea Leigh Torres of Big Spring; one son: Demis Robert Torres of Big Spring; her mother and stepfather: Olga and Adam Edmondson of Big Spring; her father: Roberto Garza of Big Spring; one brother: Robert Garza Jr. of Big Spring; and four sisters: Leigh Ann Garza, Roberta Rodriguez, Desire Garza and Sola Mia Edmondson, all of Big Spring; three grandchildren; mother-in-law; father-in-law; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Donations can be made at Myers & Smith to help with expenses.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Tresa Majors

Tresa Majors, 65, of Big Spring, died Monday, May 24, 2021. No services are planned.

She was born Jan. 14, 1956, in Plainview, Texas, to Delores Rae and O.D. Majors.

She is survived by her husband, Greg William-

son; son, Christopher Majors; and daughter, Kayla Harper.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Lois Biddison

Lois Biddison, 87, of Round Rock, formerly of Big Spring, has been called home to be with her Lord and her loved ones on Friday, May 21, 2021.

Viewing will be Friday, May 28, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Saturday, May 29, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Mount Olive Chapel with Ken McMeans, Pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Lois was born Nov. 20, 1933, in Galesburg, Kan. She married Charles Biddison on April 5, 1953, in Parson, Kan. He died Oct. 7, 2010.

Lois had a beautiful singing voice and also played the piano beautifully. She loved the old gospel

hymns. She always had a smile and a laugh for everyone.

She is survived by three sons: Greg Biddison and wife Shana of Big Spring, Tom Biddison and wife Mollie of Austin, and Marty Biddison and wife Michelle of Big Spring; two daughters: Leisha Morrison and husband Jim of Taylor, and Loanne Smith of St. Mary's, Ga.; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

In addition to her husband Charles, she was preceded in death by her parents: Thomas and Mabel Reed; two grandsons: Joshua Morrison and Caden Raine Biddison; and two granddaughters, Elisse Biddison and Clarisse Biddison.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Alzheimer's Association or the Life Center, 1801 S. Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## 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, espe-

cially 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](mailto: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.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **GILBERT SILVA**, 34, of 1208 Mesa Avenue, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE**, 36, of 1321 Harding, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram and possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.

• **WENDY ANN THOMAS**, 43, of 1009 S. Scurry Street, was arrested on a charge of parent contributing to non attendance and fail to appear.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 900

block of Willia Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Collins Road.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Colby Avenue.

• **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 98 inmates at the time of this report.

• **COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams, bail jumping and fail to appear, fraud possession/use credit or debit card, and fraud use/possession identifying info.

• **GILBERT SILVA**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **ENRIQUE ERNESTO SILVAS**, 37, was arrested by BHCSO on a charge of fraud use/possession identifying info and operate motor vehicle without

financial.

• **WENDY THOMAS**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance and fail to appear.

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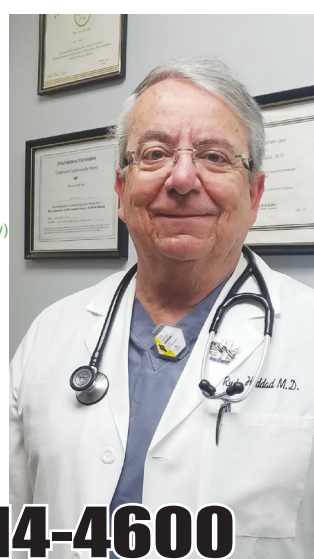
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## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of 7<sup>th</sup> and Scurry. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6600 block of Craig Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Willa Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Sunset. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **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 1800 block of Wallace. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 37400 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Culp. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Benton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 7100 block of Kyle Road. No transport was required.

• **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 1400 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Carol. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of CR 31 and Gail Hwy. No transport was required.

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

• **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 2600 block of Cindy. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

*A small prayer by K. Rae*

*May we keep our mind open to  
your whisper, Lord. Amen*

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## Take Note

- First Annual Hospital Corps Birthday Party will be held in Big Spring at Moss Creek Ranch, 1601 S. Moss Lake Road on June 17, 2021. The evening will include smoked brisket, ribs, cole slaw, green salad, beans, potato salad, iced tea and water. All spouses and Marine Corps personnel are invited. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Jerry Groves at 432-816-9682 or Doc Roger Rodman at 325-232-0665. Reservations must be made by June 10, 2021.

- The Young and the Married meets every Thursday, for an eight-week study on Familylife art of parenting – with a meal at 5:30 and a small group at 6 p.m. The group will meet in Naz-Family Fellowship Hall.

- 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 7 through July 1; 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 at Noon. The lectures 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 Janssen – 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 more information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

- 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 call 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 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](http://hc4.life/training) for more information.

- Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center is set to open June 1 and close Aug. 7. The Aquatic Center will be open Tuesday through Saturdays from Noon until 8 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. and closed Mondays.

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

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

- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

- A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community.

There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

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

- The Howard County Library meeting rooms are now open at limited capacity. Only five people are allowed in the small room and 15 in the large room.

The meeting rooms can only be used by appointment, and only by community organizations. No parties or social gatherings will be allowed at this time. For more information, call the Howard County Library.

- Food distribution at St. Vincent de Paul takes place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Distributions are at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

## VALUE

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home that we valued last year at \$90,000 is now valued at \$115,000. 'Your home that was valued at \$250,000 is now \$305,000.' They get that notice and then they have a right to appeal that notice. They have 30 days from the receipt of that notice to file a notice of protest with us."

Petree encouraged local residents to examine their valuation notice closely.

"We make mistakes. Absolutely, we do make mistakes," he said. "Somebody may have bought their home for \$200,000 and we'll be at \$210,000. So they need to bring in their closing statement and we'll adjust it to \$200,000, because we're not supposed to be over market value. We'll make those adjustments quickly, easily. Other people, maybe they have a bunch of kids, and they're pretty rough on the inside of the house. We don't go inside of houses, we're not allowed to. So people can bring pictures of the damage to the interior of their house that needs repairs, or the foundation issues, that would diminish the marketability of their house. We certainly will look at all of that during the protest period and be glad to talk to people."

Petree noted that, even if the Appraisal District does deny property owners' protest, they have every right to appeal that decision.

"We hope that we can just sit down and talk with most people and resolve the issue, but if we can't, they still have a right to appeal to the Appraisal Review Board," he said. "The Appraisal Review Board is a group of citizens in the community who live here, but are not connected to any tax unit. They are not on the City Council. They're not on the School Board. They're just citizens like every-

body else. They listen to the evidence. Our evidence – we'll present sales information; and then the taxpayer's evidence, which might be damage examples, or they have a different set of sales that they present and feel like theirs are more appropriate to their house than ours. Those are the opportunities they have to appeal."

Petree said local appraisals are not based on similar communities around the region or state, but are instead based on actual local sales data.

"They're in line with what things are really selling for here," he said. "We've actually taken Big Spring sales, not sales from San Angelo or from Abilene."

Petree said the Howard County Appraisal District compares each property with sales of local similar properties in similar condition. Using statistical methodology, the district applies values to all properties. Other factors taken into account are quality of construction and depreciation over time.

Part of the recent increase in value is due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I thought like most people, there's going to be a drop in values during COVID," he said. "In fact, the sales for Big Spring were up 11 percent during COVID, from the day COVID really started back in March (2020) up until the latest time I analyzed the data, it was up about 11 percent. I found out since then, that's pretty much true all over Texas. One of the issues is that – and I don't know that that many people are moving to Big Spring – but across the state of Texas right now the average is 1,700 people a day are moving to Texas. As you have that many people moving into the state, obviously from a supply and demand concept, the demand is going to increase and the supply

is fixed for a while until building kind of catches up with all this."

Petree also supplied a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the appraisal and protest/appeal processes. Due to space considerations, the Herald will present the FAQ later in the week.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Lois Biddison, 87, died Friday. Viewing will be Friday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be Saturday, 2:00 PM, at Mount Olive Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Misty "Minnie" Babcock, 36, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

Dawn Hartfield, 48, died Saturday. Visitation will be Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with family receiving friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Gilbert Leal, 66, died Sunday. Viewing will be Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a vigil at 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be 10:00 AM Friday at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Sally Dawn Schumpert, 62, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Angline Torres, 47, died Monday. Viewing will be Friday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Services will be Saturday at 9:00 AM in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat" - Matthew 7:13.

"I will remember the little things from school: joking around with friends and hanging out before basketball games," Hillger said.

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2021 is Rylee Evans, daughter of Chris and Kim Evans.

She has attended school in Forsan ISD since kindergarten. Rylee's favorite subjects are math and fashion design.

Throughout her high school career she has participated in many extra-curricular activities including band, cheer, basketball, cross country, track, softball, tennis, National Honor Society, and student council.

The next step of her education experience includes attending McMurry University to continue her basketball career and earn a business degree.

Rylee's quote to live by is "Be comfortable being uncomfortable."

As she reflects on her high school years, Rylee has too many good memories from her school career to count.

Those attending graduation ceremonies will need to self screen for symptoms prior to entry and those experiencing COVID symptoms will not be able to enter the building. Family groups may sit together, but social distancing is encouraged from other groups in the seating areas and lobby. In addition only Forsan ISD staff and seniors will be allowed on the coliseum floor.

*Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.*

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### Big Spring Steers Baseball team snags several 3-4A All-District awards



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From left to right: Josh Miramontes busts it out of the box after getting a hit. Ricky Escovedo looks in to get the pitch signal in a game from this season. Isaiah Diaz takes a swing at a ball. Catcher Marcos Paredes receives a pitch. Maverick Yanez hustles down the first baseline, trying to reach base safely. All five of these young Steers received All-District nominations this season for their hard work and dedication to the game of baseball. Congratulations to everyone who received awards.

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

Well, it's finally time for the District 3-4A Baseball awards. The awards can not be revealed until all the teams in the District have been knocked out from the playoffs, and with Lubbock Estacado being eliminated last week, they released the names of all the award winners. Your very own Big Spring Steers had several members that received nominations for the All-District team.

We start with none other than the Junior superstar player Joshua Miramontes. The all-around player was elected the Defensive MVP for the entire District. Miramontes was one of the strongest players on this Steers' team this season. While he may have received the Defensive MVP, the young Steer also shined at the plate as well as flashing the leathier. He had a batting average of .385 on the season and a .443 OBP (On-Base Percentage). Miramontes also slugged (SLG) .677, and had an outstanding OPS (On-Base Plus Slugging) of 1.120. He also had two home runs on the year. On the defensive end, Miramontes is as cool as they come at shortstop. He has a great range at the position. He has a powerful arm, and can make every throw that needs to be made. After a junior year like he just had, it will be interesting what he accomplishes for an encore his Senior year.

Another Steer that drew a nomination was Sophomore pitcher Ricky Escovedo, named second-team All-District pitcher. The Sophomore pitcher was the ace of the Steers' staff this season. Even though he may merely be a sophomore, the youngster does not pitch like one. Escovedo finished the year with a 3.34 ERA. He also tallied 45 strikeouts on the year. One highlight of the year was his complete-game shutout of the Pecos Eagles. Escovedo not only shined on the mound, but he also proved a capable hitter for the Steers. He was a staple in the Steer lineup, batting .233, with an OBP of .337, a .301 SLG, and a .639 OPS. Escovedo is one of the many young talented players that will come back next season.

One gem of this season was Freshman catcher Marcos Paredes. He was appointed second-team All-District catcher. The freshman caught a great 149.1 innings this year. He also had 11 Caught Stealings on the year. The freshman was a barrier behind the plate. He also studied how to call a game for the pitcher behind the plate. In addition, Paredes was valuable as a batter. The young Steer had a .240 AVG, .341 OBP, .360 SLG, and a .701 OPS. This freshman had a remarkable year and will be a leader on this team for many seasons to come.

Another freshman to get awarded was the first baseman, Isaiah Diaz. Dubbed second-team All-District first baseman, Diaz displayed the most im-

provement all season long. This young man's work to be better at first base was incredible, and you could see his positive effort pay off as the season continued. The freshman not only performed admirably at first, but he produced well at the plate. Diaz batted .296, .343 OBP, .378 SLG, and had a .720 OPS.

Maverick Yanez was named the hardest worker on this entire team. The Steer would regularly stay late in the batting cages, and received extra ground balls to boost his game. That is absolutely what he did, and he spent the year as the Steers leadoff man. Yanez finished the year with a .349 AVG, 462 OBP, .373 SLG, and a .836 OPS. He was a great leadoff man for the Steers.

While the season may not have gone the way the Steers had visualized, the future is definitely bright for this group of young guys. If you consider all the players that received awards, they will all return for next season. With most of the nucleus group of players returning from this year's team, and the inclusion of a few new members that played JV this last season, the Steers will be a force to be reckoned with next year.

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

### Astros slug 3 homers to end skid with 5-2 win over Dodgers

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Carlos Correa denied that Houston's win meant more because it came against the Los Angeles Dodgers and Trevor Bauer, who has been one of the loudest critics of the Astros since their sign-stealing scandal was uncovered.

"A lot of people have said a lot and that don't mean that we go out there every single day and try to win because of what they said," he said. "It don't mean much to us. We just go out there and try to win games."

Correa, Jose Altuve and Aledmys Diaz homered, and the Astros stopped a four-game slide by topping Bauer and the Dodgers 5-2 on Wednesday night.

Altuve hit a leadoff drive in the first inning, and Correa put Houston ahead to stay with a tiebreaking solo shot off Bauer with two outs in the sixth. Diaz tacked on a two-run shot during the Astros' three-run seventh.

Los Angeles had won eight in a row. Bauer (5-3) permitted two runs and four hits in six innings. The 2020 NL Cy Young Award winner tied a season high with four walks and struck out a season-low three.

Bauer was 8-0 with a 2.90 ERA in nine career starts against Houston coming into the day.

"I just don't think he had the feel early," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said. "To see him get through six innings and still have the ability to keep going is remarkable and a testament to how he competes."

Bauer thought he pitched well, but agreed with Roberts about his struggles early in the game.

"I had a little bit of funk in the first inning where I was off mechanically

but I locked it in from there," he said. Sheldon Neuse homered for the Dodgers, and Max Muncy had a run-scoring single.

Los Angeles put runners at first and second with two outs in the ninth, but Bryan Abreu struck out Albert Pujols for his first save.

Luis Garcia (3-3) struck out seven in six innings in his third straight win. He allowed one run and two hits.

"He was outstanding," manager Dusty Baker said. "He threw great. He was in control most of the game."

The Astros salvaged a split of the two-game set in a rematch of the 2017 World Series — a title Houston won over Los Angeles that became tainted when it was revealed that Astros illicitly stole signs en route to the championship.

"It's really important that we came tonight, and we turned things around," Altuve said. "It was great to go out there and win against one of the best teams in the big leagues."

There were plenty of LA fans in the crowd of 30,939, but they were decidedly less vocal and rowdy than they were when Clayton Kershaw pitched the Dodgers to a 9-2 victory on Tuesday.

When Diaz homered in the seventh, most of the orange-clad crowd stood up and cheered loudly, drowning out a smattering of boos from Dodgers fans.

Baker loved the energy from the fans.

"We enjoyed them," he said. "They were into the game. ... It was a lot of fun. This is how I remember Houston being."

A night after his 17-game hitting streak ended, Altuve connected for his third leadoff homer this season. It

was Altuve's 139th career homer, tying him with Bob Watson for eighth place in franchise history.

He added an RBI in the seventh to give him 1,660 career hits, moving him past Cesar Cedeño (1,659) for fourth-most in team history.

Yoshi Tsutsugo singled with one out in the third before Mookie Betts reached on an error by Garcia. The Dodgers tied it when Muncy lined an RBI single into right field.

Yuli Gurriel singled with one out in the sixth inning but was thrown out trying to steal second base. Correa followed with his 360-foot shot to the seats in left field.

TRAINER'S ROOM

DODGERS: CF Cody Bellinger (left leg) was feeling good after his fourth minor league rehabilitation game this week and Roberts said he could return as soon as Saturday. ... Roberts said utility player Zach McKinstry, out since April 22 with an oblique strain, could come off the injured list this weekend.

Astros: RHP Lance McCullers Jr.

was placed on the 10-day injured list, retroactive to Sunday, with soreness in his right shoulder. ... LHP Framber Valdez, who has been out all season after breaking his left index finger in spring training, will come off the injured list to start Friday night. ... RHP Jake Odorizzi, who has been out since April 26 with a strained muscle in his right arm, is expected to come off the injured list to start Saturday.

OLD NEMESIS

With Pujols at the plate in the ninth, the Astros held their breath. Pujols has 62 career homers against Houston — the most by an opponent in franchise history.

"You start getting flashbacks of some of his highlights here and you don't want it to happen again in that situation," Correa said.

UP NEXT

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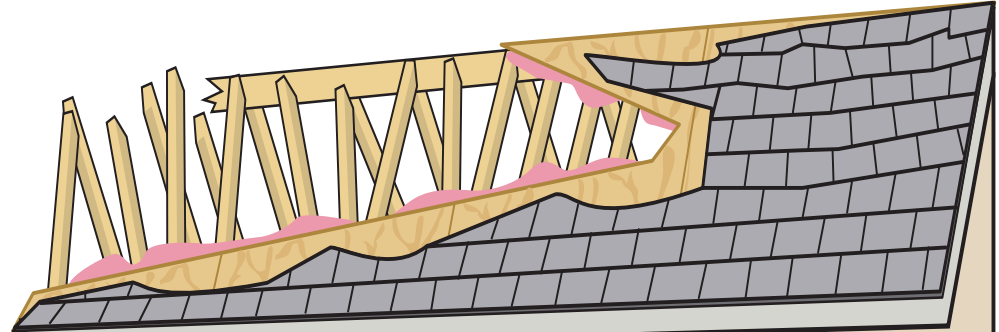
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**THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION**

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : FEZZIK A  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 2442WA  
Lease/Unit Acres : 640.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 660.0

Lease Lines : 326.0 F SE L, 990.0 F SW L  
Survey Lines : 326.0 F SE L, 990.0 F SW L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 500.0 F SE L, 333.0 F SW L

Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 25 Block: 32 T2N  
Abstract: 275

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Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 50.0 F SE L, 330.0 F SW L  
Survey Lines: 50.0 F SE L, 330.0 F SW L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

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Annie's Mailbox

Please, No Pictures

**Dear Annie:** I have a problem I do not know what to do about. As I am getting old, I terribly dislike having my picture taken -- especially when I am asked to pose. I get beet red from embarrassment and start feeling sick.

Last Sunday, my husband and I attended a religious ceremony for his granddaughter "Bridget" (my lovely step-granddaughter), and afterward my stepdaughter "Wendy" insisted we both pose with Bridget for a photo. I told Wendy, "Please, not me. I really hate having my picture taken." Wendy kept insisting it was "for family use only" but eventually let it be. Later, while we were all together at a restaurant, I saw her using the camera, and I am pretty sure she took photos of me, as well. Because we were a relatively large group, it would probably have been difficult to avoid me, so I did not say anything. Besides, I love my husband's children and grandchildren.

On the long drive home, I asked my husband what he thought, and he indicated he could see both sides. I think that as a good hostess, you should not insist on doing something that makes a guest uncomfortable. At the same time, I understand she tries to include me. Wendy takes selfies all the time, so I do not think she can relate to how I

feel. What do you think? -- Camera-Shy Grandma

**Dear Camera-Shy Grandma:** I agree that no one should insist on taking someone's photo against his or her will. The problem is that to some people these days, the phrase "I don't like having my picture taken" might as well be gibberish. They simply can't comprehend it. Your stepdaughter seems to be in this camp. Maybe she mistook your request for polite modesty. In any case, spell it out for her. Say, "I really, truly am uncomfortable with having my photo taken, and it causes me anxiety." Perhaps you could offer to take on the role of photographer so she's less concerned with needing to document memories.

For what it's worth, your attitude is refreshing in the age of the selfie stick. May we all live more for the present and less for the pictures.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to the letter from "Help," the owner of the elderly dog with incontinence issues. I also have elderly dogs, a pair of sibling Westies, who have issues in this regard. One has had sleep incontinence off and on for half her life. She takes an effective medication for this issue and wears stylish "just in case" pants, which don't hinder her one bit. My male dog has been diabetic for three years, and this has made it harder for

him to hold it at times.

"Help" needs to know about washable belly bands -- which provide complete protection, as long as the proper area is covered. I add a couple of human-style incontinence panty liners to amp up capacity. I can now leave my dogs for six to eight hours if necessary, without worrying about what I'll find when I get home.

Please let "Help" know that this option might be better for her than expensive disposable diapers, confinement or putting up with messes. She is doing laundry anyway, so washing reusable doggy pants or belly bands (after spraying them with urine-eliminating products) would be no big deal, as long as she has an adequate supply on hand. Her elderly dog could have the run of the house again (or at least a bigger room than the bathroom) once she sees how well these products work.

Any problem regarding our companion animals can be overcome with love, advice, patience and adaptability on the part of their human parents. -- Janey

**Dear Janey:** Hear! Hear! Thanks for the additional tips.

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

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By Steve Becker  
**Proper technique**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A J 8 4  
♥ A Q  
♦ K Q 10 6 2  
♣ K 7  
**WEST**  
♠ K 10 6  
♥ 9 5  
♦ 9 8 3  
♣ 10 9 8 6 3  
**EAST**  
♠ —  
♥ J 10 8 6 3 2  
♦ A J 5 4  
♣ 5 4 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 9 7 5 3 2  
♥ K 7 4  
♦ 7  
♣ A Q J

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♦ Pass 6 ♠

Opening lead — ten of clubs.  
**Bridge is hard to play flawlessly,** as almost all of us would readily concede. However, the nature of the game is such that the great majority of mistakes go unpunished — and this is as it should be, because most mistakes are minor and the good Lord is generally forgiving in such cases.

Even so, the fact remains that a player must occasionally pay for

even a minor mistake. That's exactly what happened in this deal where South failed to make a slam he should have made.

**He won the club lead** and played a low spade to the jack, winning the finesse. But he eventually went down one since he now had to lose a trump trick as well as a diamond.

**South would have made the slam** had he led the queen of spades instead of the deuce when he took the finesse at trick two. In the actual case, if West covers with the king, declarer wins with the ace and, after East shows out, later finesses against West's ten. The only trick declarer loses is a diamond.

**The queen is technically** the right play, as it wins not only when West has the singleton or doubleton king, but also when he has the tripleton king.

**Ordinarily, leading the deuce** to the jack would not be a fatal error, because it costs a trick only in those hands where West has all three trumps — only an 11% probability. Nevertheless, assuming that South plans to finesse in spades, which is the proper play, the queen lead never costs a trick. But because the deuce lead sometimes will, it is better to start out by leading the queen.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Flower Moon Eclipse

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The best kind of goal to take on today is one that's too big for a single person. Group work is an opportunity for the better angels inside to assemble and fly forward together.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** An effective and enjoyable daily routine is a thing of art. You're the type of experimental artist who is willing to try new tools, techniques and approaches until you find the magic.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** A glamorous effect is usually the result of a multitude of unglamorous actions. The same thing is true of greatness in any area. High aims are mostly achieved through an accumulation of humble actions.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Some people bring out your confidence and others your insecurities. There's something to learn from either relationship dynamic, though the lessons in working through insecurity will advance you quicker.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It takes one to know one, but that's not the only way. If you're not "one" and you still want to know, the next best thing is close observation over a long period of time. The research will be a pleasure.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You have friends with the same talent as you. It is through sharing and a sense of

competition that you all grow sharper. You're all one team in the game.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** In the same way that successful companies do a regular inventory of the stock, you need to get back in touch with your resources. The only reason you're not using what you have is that you forgot that you have it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Whose heart leaps when you win? Who really wants to see you succeed so much that jealousy is never an issue? Who laughs when you laugh? Get more of these people in your life.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** There were times you chased down the thing you wanted and times you waited for it to come to you. Put your feet up because this is one of the latter times. Your hard-learned patience will serve you well.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There was nothing special about the stone that brought down Goliath. It could have been any of hundreds of stones lying around. When bringing down giants, it's all about the aim.

FLOWER MOON TRIBUTE:

In Oklahoma, principal photography has begun on the Martin Scorsese picture "Killers of the Flower Moon," an adaptation of the best-selling novel that will star Robert De Niro and Leonardo DiCaprio. The flower moon refers to the full moon of May. This year, it will be accompanied by a lunar eclipse.

When the sun is in Gemini, the full moon is in Sagittarius. The omen is a snapshot of intelligence and curiosity, qualities that sometimes run in opposition. It is often the intelligent move to stay put, work the known resources and improve on all that is so bountifully given. And yet, even in times of plenty, a faint call can be heard in the distance. It is also intelligence that causes us to wonder: "What's over there? Is there more? Am I missing out by staying over here?"

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Complaining, in and of itself, isn't a powerful motivator of change. A complaint is just a statement. You will contemplate a problem, think about what leverage you might employ and decide on some actions to try.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 27).** You'll get a remarkable boon within the five weeks surrounding your birthday. Save this abundance. An essential lesson of the year is about taking up your own side. Though selflessness is virtuous, you do the most for your team by getting fully behind the player who is likely to bring the best result. Right now, it's you. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 39, 1, 28 and 16.

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| 5  | ABC                | Noticiero               | FamFeud                        | CBS                      | Noticias                    | News             | Behind          | Hero          | King       | Burgers      | Big Bang  | Bones          | SportsCenter     | Daily Wager                                      | Polaris  | SVU                                  | The First 48      | Homestead             |                       |           |
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| 7  | Station 19         | Diseñando tu amor       | 2021 iHeart-Radio Music Awards | Sheldon United-AI Awards | La suerte de Lolí           | Law & Order: SVU | The Wall        | Master        | Walker     | Fam. Guy     | Big Bang  | NBA Basketball | College Softball | ESPN Original Documentaries                      | The Blitz  | NHL Hockey: Second Round: Teams TBA. | The First 48      | Homestead             |                       |           |
| 8  | Grey's Anatomy     | La hija                 | FOX 24 News at 9               | Clarice                  | Café con aroma de           | Law & Order: SVU | The Wall        | Master        | Walker     | Fam. Guy     | Big Bang  | NBA Basketball | College Softball | ESPN Original Documentaries                      | The Blitz  | NHL Hockey: Second Round: Teams TBA. | The First 48      | Homestead             |                       |           |
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| 10 | Big 2              | Noticiero               | TMZ                            | CBS 7                    | Noticias                    | News             | Zion            | Pink          | Friends    | Creek        | Conan     | SportsCenter   | Launch Party     | MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners. | Chrysler   | (01) Night-watch                     | (04) The First 48 | Building Off the Grid |                       |           |
| 10 | Jimmy Kimmel Live! | Noticiero               | Mom                            | Late Show- Colbert       | Noticias                    | Tonight Show     | Words of Hidden | Elinor Donkey | Friends    | Creek        | Conan     | SportsCenter   | Launch Party     | MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners. | Chrysler   | (01) Night-watch                     | (04) The First 48 | Building Off the Grid |                       |           |
| 11 | Nightline          | Contacto deportivo      | Funny                          | James Corden             | Sin Senos Sí                | Seth Meyers      | Freedom         | Tiger         | Jokers     | Gold         | Conan     | Inside the NBA | SportsCenter     | Launch Party                                     | MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners. | Chrysler                             | (01) Night-watch  | (04) The First 48     | Building Off the Grid |           |
| 12 | Extra              | Un gancho al            | Two Men                        | Simpsons                 | Drew Barrymore              | Late-Lilly       | Being           | Tiger         | Holly      | Steve Wilkos | Full      | Wipeout        | NBA Basketball   | SportsCenter                                     | Around   | Postgame                             | Law & Order: SVU  | (12:03) The First 48  | Building Off the Grid |           |
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| 1  | Legs, feet         | (06) ABC World News Now | Vecinos                        | P. Luche                 | El gordo y la fleca         | Paid Prg.        | Whacked         | Early Toy     | House      | Arthur       | Christ    | Arthur         | Christ           | Arthur   | Christ   | Arthur                               | Christ            | Arthur                | Christ                | Arthur    |
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| 4  | Morning            | Noticiero               | Two Men                        | News                     | Programa                    | Early Toy        | House           | Arthur        | Christ     | Arthur       | Christ    | Arthur         | Christ           | Arthur   | Christ   | Arthur                               | Christ            | Arthur                | Christ                | Arthur    |

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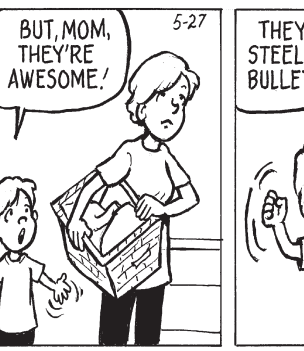
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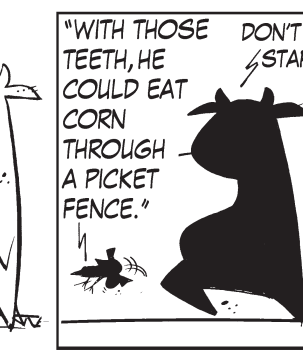
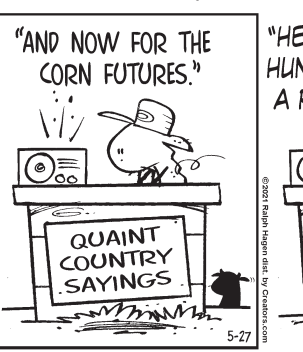
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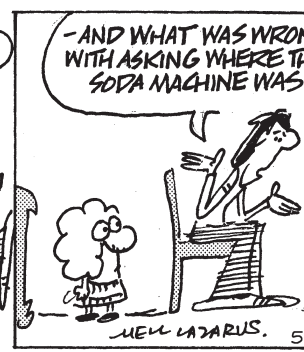
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 27, the 147th day of 2021. There are 218 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 27, 1941, the British Royal Navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France with a loss of some 2,000 lives, three days after the Bismarck sank the HMS Hood with the loss of more than 1,400 lives. Amid rising world tensions, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency" during a radio address from the White House.

On this date:

In 1861, Chief Justice Roger Taney, sitting as a federal circuit court judge in Baltimore, ruled that President Abraham Lincoln lacked the authority to suspend the writ of habeas corpus (Lincoln disregarded the ruling).

In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois.

In 1933, the Chicago World's Fair, celebrating "A Century of Progress," officially opened. Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.

In 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States*, unanimously struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act, a key component of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" legislative program.

In 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, California, was opened to pedestrian traffic (vehicles began crossing the next day).

In 1942, Doris "Dorie" Miller, a cook aboard the USS West Virginia, became the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross for displaying "extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety" during Japan's attack on

Pearl Harbor.

In 1964, independent India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, died.

In 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *United States v. O'Brien*, upheld the conviction of David O'Brien for destroying his draft card outside a Boston courthouse, ruling that the act was not protected by freedom of speech.

In 1993, five people were killed in a bombing at the Uffizi museum of art in Florence, Italy; some three dozen paintings were ruined or damaged.

In 1994, Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia to the emotional cheers of thousands after spending two decades in exile.

In 1998, Michael Fortier (FOR-tee-ur), the government's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after apologizing for not warning anyone about the deadly plot. (Fortier was freed in January 2006.)

In 2018, LeBron James reached his eighth straight NBA Finals as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Boston Celtics 87-79 in Game 7 of the semifinals.

Ten years ago: Astronauts Mike Fincke and Gregory Chamitoff made history as the final spacewalkers of NASA's 30-year shuttle program, completing construction of the International Space Station with the smooth addition of an extension pole. President Barack Obama, visiting Poland, honored the memories of those slain in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising against Nazis. Gil Scott-Heron, 62, widely considered one of the godfathers of rap music, died in New York. Actor Jeff Conaway

Answer to previous puzzle

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died at a hospital in Encino, California; he was 60.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama became the first American chief executive to visit Hiroshima, the city where the U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb during World War II, declaring it a fitting place to summon people everywhere to embrace the

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Got straighter in a chair
- 6 Some homebrew
- 10 High hair
- 14 Has its premiere
- 15 Managerial missive
- 16 Wellness fluids
- 17 Giant's words to Jack
- 19 Dudes
- 20 PO box, for instance
- 21 Get-go
- 23 Masks and gloves for safety, for short
- 24 Dark side of poetry
- 26 Helps in heisting
- 28 "In all honesty..."
- 34 Schoolyard comeback
- 35 Had something
- 36 Collaborative music
- 38 "Strong as a lion" guy's nickname
- 39 Common *Dilbert* setting
- 43 "Who \_\_ to argue?"
- 44 Mineral jackpot
- 46 Set to put together
- 47 Source of much legalese
- 49 Simone's "so-so"
- 53 Sportscast anecdotes
- 54 Celestial bear
- 55 Quick "That's funny!"
- 56 Geometry subjects
- 60 Be somewhat partial

vision of a world without nuclear weapons.

One year ago: Protests over the death of George Floyd in police custody rocked Minneapolis for a second night, with some people looting stores and setting fires. Protests spread to additional cities; hundreds of people blocked a Los Angeles freeway

and shattered windows of California Highway Patrol cruisers. The U.S. surged past a milestone in the coronavirus pandemic, with the confirmed death toll topping 100,000. For the first time, House lawmakers voted by proxy, a move aimed at avoiding the risks of travel to Washington during the pandemic. Boeing said it would cut more than 12,000

U.S. jobs through layoffs and buyouts as it dealt with a downturn in travel caused by the pandemic; at the same time, the company said it was resuming production of the 737 Max jetliner. Playwright and AIDS activist Larry Kramer died of pneumonia at 84.

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- 10 PC port
- 11 Extend indefinitely
- 12 End a monologue with flair
- 13 Cartoon mirages
- 18 Deceive
- 22 Rooftop sealer
- 25 Like-minded contingent
- 27 Pal
- 28 Hard to believe
- 29 45-calorie treat
- 30 Value of a roll of quarters
- 31 West Indies republic
- 32 Sign of condensation
- 33 Contacts list letters
- 37 Tuneful Turner
- 40 Mandolin cousin
- 41 Pen name
- 42 Stately shaders
- 45 Overdramatic one, informally
- 48 Hodgepodge
- 50 Woolf's *Dalloway*
- 51 Wooden weapon
- 52 Guesser's qualifier
- 53 Made-up horn honker
- 57 Eye impolitely
- 58 Stumblebum
- 59 Most minimal amount
- 61 Free from care
- 62 Bursting with enthusiasm
- 63 Family nickname
- 65 Nonetheless
- 67 "So that's your scheme!"

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