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Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Tonight
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 Meet at Fairgrounds this week

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Pops in the Park July 3 Amphitheater

Highland Fourth of July Parade July 3 10 a.m.
 Line up at 9 a.m.

Summer meal program through BSISD has started

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Juneteenth named federal holiday

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

In September of 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The decree went into effect January 1, 1863, legally freeing all slaves – some 3.5 million - in the Confederacy. Of course, those southern states were, at the time, engaged in a fierce Civil War against the northern United States and weren't inclined to obey such an order.

Most of those slaves were actually set free when General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Va., on April 9, 1865.

Just six days after Lee's surrender, Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth. More than 250,000 people were still enslaved in Texas, and would remain so in fact for another two

months. Many southern farmers and plantation owners had moved west to the state to escape the worst of the Civil War's violence, and brought their slaves with them. The fact that Texas had only been a state since 1845 and was still almost completely rural made it easy for slave owners to keep their human property in the dark about their new freedom.

June 19, 1865, two and a half years after Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived with his forces by ship in Galveston to set matters straight.

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free," stated Gen. Gordon's General Order No. 3. "This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former mas-

ters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

The event became known as "Juneteenth," a portmanteau word combining June and Nineteenth, the date of the proclamation.

Of course Gordon's mere words did not put all to rights immediately. Outside Texas, slavery remained legal in border states Delaware and Kentucky for six months following Juneteenth, only ending once the 13th Amendment was ratified on Dec. 6, 1865.

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Legends and Legacies honors

David Abner Rhoton Sr. (Cowboy Legend)

Editor's Note: Each year new members are added to the honorees of Legends and Legacies through the Heritage Museum. Over the next seven editions, the Big Spring Herald will feature this year's inductees. This is the second in a series of seven.

Special to the Herald

David Abner Rhoton Sr. and his brother Will went to live with their aunt and uncle in Austin, Texas, after their father had died during captivity in the Civil War. Will and Dave worked in a dairy farm as youngsters. The operator of the dairy was "going west" for some steers and invited Dave to go along. This ignited a fire within Dave, and he discovered he wanted to be a cowboy and the call of the saddle was an extraordinarily strong appeal to the male youth in those days. Dave drove cattle and started acquiring his own herd. He went to Mitchell County before the T&P Railroad arrived and worked for a ranch partnership. This brought him to Champion Creek, where he then traveled to the Moss Creek area in Howard County. Dave said "It was the prettiest sight I ever saw. I will never forget it." He drove his small herd back to Austin and sold it with plans on returning to the beautiful country he had discovered.

Dave came back to the area in 1879 and settled on Champion Creek in Mitchell County. Frequently, he rode across the rolling country to the area of Moss Spring. In 1893, he established his headquarters in the Iatan tank area. His spread reached into the vicinity of Signal Mountain and in 1893, he established his headquarters at Moss Spring. Dave set up his house under the overhang of a large boulder. He added another rock to the side to protect from the wind and elements and he built a rock stove for cooking. He met and became friends with another young rancher, Will Waddell. Dave said, "We did what we could to get by, working on ranches, driving trail herds and anything else."

Dave continued their ranching partnership even after Waddell married the wealthy widow, Ella Biler, who was 64 and twice her young husband's age. The couple moved to Fort Worth, and Dave stayed at the Iatan headquarters managing the ranch there as they remained partners. The friend-



Contributed photo
Frances Rhoton, left, and Cowboy Legend David Abner Rhoton Sr. pose for the camera in this vintage photo provided by the Heritage Museum of Big Spring. The Heritage Museum named Mr. Rhoton its Cowboy Legend for 2021, an honor that was announced at the Museum's annual Legends and Legacies Dinner.

ship and partnership fractured after a disagreement between Dave and Waddell.

Dave Rhoton soon found romance for himself. He had ridden to the post office at Coahoma where Mrs. Shive informed

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Chamber hosts successful Clay Shoot

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's first annual clay shoot was marked a success, but it was also the beginning of a new opportunity in Howard County. Now that the first event is under the belt, a permanent set up is now available opening up the opportunity of others who would like to host charity events or take part in a small group clay shoot.

"We are very grateful for Bob Price getting behind this clay shoot. We are also grateful to see our Chamber members step up and participate in this event to support local businesses," Fox said. "This town really seems to stick together when it comes to supporting each other."

According to Fox, the turnout was great. For the first year, there were 17 teams participating and a great support base from the local business community.

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Courtesy photo
The winners of the first Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Clay Shoot pose for a picture after their victory. The team, representing Anderson Kennels, consists of Andy Anderson, Brandon Anderson, Kason Anderson, and (not shown) Stan Baker.

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Take Note

• American Legion Post 506 is hosting a fish fry on Saturday, June 19. Delivery will take place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and serving will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. Call 432-263-2084 and everyone is welcome.

• Big Spring ISD summer lunch services will 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 through July 1; at Big Spring High School through

June 24; and at Big Spring Junior High School from June 7 - June 24.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday 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 two-dose COVID-19 vaccine and the Janssen single-dose 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

• Coahoma Freedom Parade will be Saturday, July 3 at 10 a.m. The parade line up will be at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Football Stadium parking lot. For more information call Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 102 inmates at the time of this report.

• **SONYA GAY BIDDLE**, 51, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of FTA/possession of controlled substance less than one gram and MTRP/possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **ISAAC XAVIER CERDA**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief between \$2,500 and \$30K, theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30K, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, fail to identify fugitive intent to give false information.

• **TAMMY KAY COKER**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon; theft of firearm.

• **LUKAS ALEXANDER FALCON**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana between two and four ounces and theft of property between \$100 and \$750.

• **GABRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of vehicles.

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• **DONALD GENE KOERBER III**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LIONEL LEYVA**, 51, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.

• **RODNEY MARTINEZ JR**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and MTRP/driving while intoxicated.

• **RAYLEE ALAN NEW**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of engage in organized criminal activity.

• **JOSHUA LINZY OWEN**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **ALLEN RAY WARD**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of firearm, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, manufacture deliver controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams, bail jumping and fail to appear (x3).

• **STEVEN ANTHONY ZAVALA**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 Ridgelea Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of W. 18th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 9000 block of Longshore Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of S. Gregg Street. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4100 block of Muir. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the FM 700 and Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of W. 24th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JOSHUA LINZY OWEN**, 37, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and possession drug paraphernalia.

• **LIONEL LEYVA**, 51, of 1317 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.

• **STEVEN ANTHONY ZAVALA**, 36, of 1509 S. Meredith in Dumas, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **DONALD GENE KOERBER**, 34, of 500 McEwen Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ISAAC XAVIER CERDA**, 18, of 900 S. Scurry Street, was arrested on a charge of fail to identify - fugitive give false information, possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces, warrant from other agency (x2).

• **RAYLEE ALAN NEW**, 36, of 1084 Windsor Lane of Springtown, was arrested on a charge of engage in organized criminal activity F2; warrant from other agency.

• **LUKAS ALEXANDER FALCON**, 26, of 510 NW 10th Street, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting and possession of marijuana between two ounces and four ounces.

• **RODNEY MARTINEZ JR**, 25, of 504 Abrams, was arrested on a charge of warrant from other agency (x2).

48, of 1105 N. Scurry Street, was arrested on a charge of manufacture deliver controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, theft of firearm., warrant from other agency(x3).

• **TAMMY LOCKHART COKER**, 44, of 201 PO Box was arrested on a charge of theft of firearm and aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

• **GABRIEL JESSIE HERNANDEZ**, 34, transient was arrested on a warrant from other agency.

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Obituaries

John Charles Luccous

John Charles Luccous, 72, of Big Spring passed away on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

He was born in Midland, Texas, to parents John Clarence Luccous Jr. and Frances (Umberson) Luccous on Dec. 22, 1948.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Hattie Lou Arista Hernandez



Hattie Lou Arista Hernandez passed away May 26, 2021.

Hattie was born Sept. 6, 1951, in Big Spring to Adolph and Estanislada "Tanis" Arista. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Anthony Arista.

She married Gilberto Hernandez in 1967 and the couple moved to Fort Worth. Hattie was a loving, caring and devoted mother to her children Tanis Smith of Fort Worth, Rosalinda Hernandez of El Paso and Devonia Saville and Crystella Marzili of Fort Worth.

She enjoyed having her children, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren over for visits where she thoroughly enjoyed cooking for them.

Hattie was a devout Christian and lived life to its fullest.

Hattie is survived by her husband, daughters, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Also, by her loving siblings, Mary Jane Licon of Big Spring, Adolph Arista Jr of Floresville, Texas, Sarah Arista Robles, Lynda Arista and Alisa Diaz of Big Spring.

Hattie will be laid to rest at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth on June 21.

Paid Obituary

Support Groups

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.



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On Monday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room, we will have the Science Spectrum present "Restless Natives, Native Animals of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico." The program is

free and it is open to all ages. We will have regular Storytime on Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room, and Code Club on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Registration for Summer Reading Program is free and open throughout the summer. Visit our webpage and Facebook page for calendar updates and information.

This week's reviews are fiction audiobooks.

In *Devoted* (AUCD F KOO D) by Dean Koontz, Woody Bookman hasn't spoken a word in his 11 years of life. Not when his father died in a freak accident. Not when his mother, Megan, tells him she

loves him. For Megan, keeping her boy safe and happy is what matters. But Woody believes a monstrous evil was behind his father's death and now threatens him and his mother. And he's not alone in his thoughts, an ally unknown to him is listening. A uniquely gifted dog with a heart as golden as his breed, Kipp is devoted beyond reason to people. When he hears the boy who communicates like he does, without speaking, Kipp knows he needs to find him before it is too late. Woody's fearful suspicions are taking shape.

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Additionally, many former Texas slave owners illegally refused to free their slaves until late in 1865. Granger's proclamation spelled the end of legal slavery in Texas, however.

Upon hearing the proclamation, many slaves immediately left their former masters' property, even if they were offered paid employment as indicated in Gordon's order.

Annual celebrations commemorating the Juneteenth proclamation began the year after it was issued. On June 19, 1866, former slaves it freed organized what would become the first annual Juneteenth celebration, at the time called "Jubilee Day." Early celebrations were used as opportunities for political rallies or to give newly freed slaves instructions on how to vote.

Of course, Juneteenth didn't end racial discrimination in the former Confederacy. Some locations prohibited Juneteenth celebrants from using public parks due to state-sanctioned segregation laws. The prohibition didn't stop the celebrations: Freed people pooled their funds and purchased land to hold the celebrations. In Houston in 1872, freed slaves raised \$1,000 and purchased 10 acres of land as a site for the celebration. The area is now known as Emancipation Park, and is the oldest still-existing park in the city.

Today, many states recognize Juneteenth in some way. Forty-seven states plus the District of Columbia recognize the date, although Texas was the only state to recognize it as an official state holiday.

On June 17 of this year, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

LEGEND

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him that there were some new neighbors that might be of interest to him. Dave rode out northeast of Coahoma and met the Robinson family. One of the daughters, Frances, a 19-year-old, was about to ride into Coahoma, so they rode together. Dave explained later "We rode off together, and we've been riding together ever since."

They were married on August 23, 1891, after a three-month courtship and set up their home at Iatan headquarters. He was 32 and she was 19. The ranch house sat upon a hill near a cut in the railroad east of Iatan tank. Dave decided to run sheep along with his cattle and constructed a wool barn to the east of the house.

Lillian was born in 1893 and then daugh-

ter Patty arrived. The girls were "Papa's boys" and started riding horses as soon as they could walk. They wormed, branded, and herded along with their father. Winnie Dell, Margaret (died seven days after her birth), Shirley, Abby Nell, David A Rhoton Jr., Jack, Mildred Louise, and Dorothy joined the family.

Some of the Rhoton's neighbors did not like sheep being ran on the land. Daughter Winnie Dell said "In a good year, a rancher could get his money back out of the sheep a lot quicker than cattle, thanks to a double crop of wool and sheep. It wasn't popular at all, because a sheep would stand in one spot until it ate all of the grass down to the crown and then seemed to keep gorging for the roots. A sheep could overgraze pastures in a hurry. Another objection was the way they packed the soil, especially after a rain."

In 1908, Dave got out of the sheep business and moved the family to Coahoma in a large house northeast of town. This would allow the children to attend school at Coahoma and Dave continued to manage his cattle herd.

After World War I and the historic draught of 1917-18, Dave eventually restocked his ranch and then the Depression began, along with another severe draught. Times were never easy. He continually fought off coyotes and other predators, and endured the rigors of bitter weather.

In 1916, Dave had a two-story house built at 704 Johnson Street in Big Spring. This would become their retirement home. Dave passed away in 1950 at the age of 92 leaving behind a loving family, a lifetime of hard work and the rewards that resulted from his sacrifices.



Pictured are the second-place (left) and third-place (right) Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Clay Shoot teams. At left is Rick Morrow's team, consisting of Morrow, Bill Luxton, Ceasar Martinez and Tracy Spinks. At right is the Howard County 4-H team consisting of Colt Woodall, Brandon Kelley, Wiley Gaskins and Kirby Huffman. Congratulations!

SHOOT

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"A special Thank You to Bob Price and his crew at Moss Creek Ranch. Being our first Clay Shoot, I feel that things went very smooth," Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Chamber, said.

During the award ceremony Anderson Kennels was named 1st Place winner; Rick Morrow's team took 2nd Place; and Howard County 4-H claimed 3rd Place. The one Platinum Sponsor, Jet Specialty, was followed by seven Station Sponsors. Lunch was sponsored by Delek USA, Oncor and ALSA, which allowed those taking part in the fundraiser to enjoy a hearty burger after the competition. Prize sponsors included: Bulldog Steel/Metal Solutions, Moss Creek Ranch and Expedition Royalty; all three sponsors supported the Clay Shoot on other levels as well. Through the support of Lee's Rental and Jezco the participants were able to relax at tables under

canopies while registering and eating.

"When we started looking for a place to host the tournament this year we were out of luck as the Country Club closed and the municipal course was not allowing tournaments at that time due to Covid," Clint Fox, Chamber Board Member and Vice President of Community Development, said. "We decided to put on a Clay Shoot. We knew there would be some growing pains as it is our first one, but decided to go ahead and give it a try."

The support of Chamber Board members and local businesses made the first event a success.

"I encourage any local businesses that are not currently chamber members to take a look at the huge support our Chamber with the help of Debbye, along with our chamber members, support other businesses and make sure Big

Spring is a friendly and prosperous place to grow your business," Fox said.

"We could not have picked a better day to have this event. Thanks to all the sponsors and teams that signed up. We want this to be an annual event, so see everyone next year," ValVerde said.

Those wanting to inquire about becoming a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce member can reach out to the Chamber office at 432-263-7641.

Courtesy photos

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Rogelio (Roy) Perez, 68, died Sunday. Virtual services will be Saturday.

Greg Bird, 58, died Friday. Services will be Saturday at 2:00 PM in the Myers & Smith Chapel.

Rene Angel Valdez, Jr., 59, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up to assist the family with expenses.

Arthur Lopez, 78, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bruce Schooler, 72, died Tuesday. Family will receive friends Wednesday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Thursday at 10:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

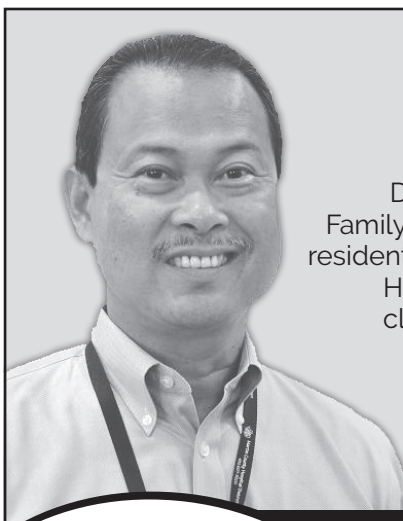
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Opinion

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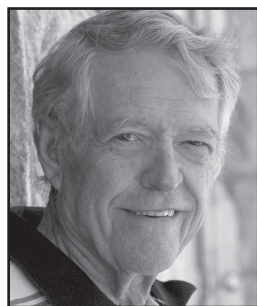
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A ship under water

Charles Starnes grew up in Canyon and now lives in Plainview. In high school he was active in drama and choir, was a varsity baseball player and member of the golf team. His classmates voted him "Most Talented." At the library he read submarine adventure books. He was in the Boy Scouts and tries to live by the scout motto, doing his best to do his duty to God and his country. Soon after graduating from West Texas State University in 1969 he joined the Navy. Both his parents had been in the Navy during World War Two. Charles advanced through the ranks and was assigned to command a nuclear submarine.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

"A nuclear sub uses a nuclear reactor to generate energy needed for electricity and propulsion," he says. "It can stay submerged indefinitely. The only time a sub needs to come up for fresh air is when it runs out of food. The longest I was ever

submerged continuously was 82 days. We went that long with no outside air."

He served in the Pacific, Mediterranean, North Atlantic, off the coast of Viet Nam and other places.

Once, at 400 feet below the surface a typhoon caused the sub to pitch from side to side at a 50-degree angle off vertical. He had to hang on tight for 2 days while under that typhoon.

The sub has a sophisticated navigation system that is essential since there is no horizon under water.

"You don't have any visual reference. We have seen some interesting cases of claustrophobia. We occasionally had a periscope liberty where we let people look out the periscope when we were near the surface. They got to see a seagull or something like that. You get used to the situation and the routine and accept the fact that there aren't any windows and you're going to be home soon."

There is exercise equipment on board, but no ping-pong, pool or bowling. "We have an entertainment system built in, much like on an airplane. You're able to lis-

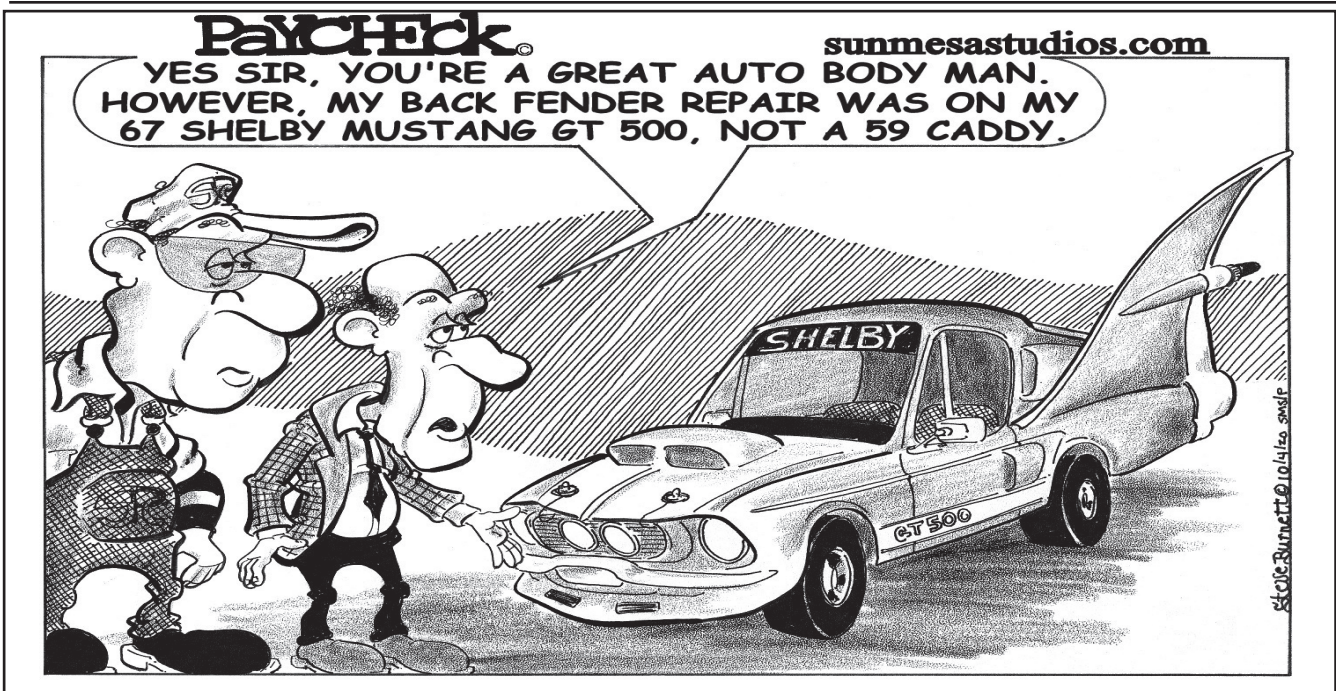
ten to several channels of music with headphones and we have nightly movies."

His ballistic missile submarine had 16 missile tubes. "I think the fear of what those weapons could do prevented a war." Charles served 27 years in the navy, mostly in crowded quarters. "My submarine was 425 feet long. As Captain I had the largest quarters, about 8 feet square. That included my desk, which folded up to make my bed. For the 150 sailors on board, bunks could be stacked up to 4 high in the compartments. There was an 18-inch separation specified between the top of your mattress and the bottom of the bed above. That's not a lot of room. For privacy, they had a little curtain the could close and they had reading lights."

Charles was 48 when he retired from the Navy. He went back to school, earned a Masters and PhD in economics and now teaches economics and finance at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, where he is serving his first term as mayor.

He is a recent past district governor of Rotary and CEO of a pack and send business.

"I'm still looking forward more than I'm looking backward."



Remembering a Texas giant

He was not gigantic in physical stature, but in his no-nonsense approach to government, he stood tall, this proud Texas governor who was the first West Texan to hold the office.

His name was Preston Smith, who died 18 years ago at age 91. Though he maintained a tie-always-straight appearance, the only thing keeping him from letting his hair down at times was his pronounced baldness.

Tabbing newspaperman Jerry Hall to be his press secretary, Smith needled him regularly. "Thanks to Jerry, the name 'Preston Smith' is a household name throughout the length and breadth of Lubbock County." Smith laughed, careful to observe a long pause after "household name."

Smith was in politics before automobile air-conditioning was common.

On a hot summer day, he was campaigning with his entourage in Midland, where most motorists seemed to be driving high-dollar automobiles.

"When we enter Midland, be sure to roll the windows up so we can look like we have air-conditioning," he joked.

A Lubbock movie theater owner, he was a "commoner" his entire life, never giving in to shortcuts that sometimes mar public office.

He returned to Lubbock after leaving office in 1973.

Friends in town always called him "Old Preston," and he liked it that way.

Though I didn't know him per-

sonally, I noticed that he used a few humorous stories prior to making serious remarks in public appearances.

I heard him skillfully tell some stories several times, and it always worked.

Even though many in most audiences had heard them, laughs

abounded. He read audiences well and knew when to pause. On top of that, he was a masterful storyteller.

Following is a yarn he used repeatedly.

A construction worker was perplexed when his claim for workers' compensation was kicked back. The claims office said that more information was needed.

Blaming "poor planning," the poor brick layer said he was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building. Turns out he had some 240 pounds of bricks left over. He dreaded carrying them down six flights of stairs, so he rigged up a pulley, barrel and rope to lower them.

He secured the rope at ground level before loading the bricks and attaching the rope to the barrel. When he untied the rope from the stake, he learned quickly that his 135-pound body was no match for the brick-loaded, falling barrel. Still, though, he doggedly held on to the rope.

"I should have turned the blame rope loose, but I held on," he moaned. "When the barrel and I collided at the third floor, I sustained a fractured skull, minor abrasions and a broken col-

larbone, as I explained earlier on the claims form."

Sadly, he continued his rapid ascent. Two of his fingers were mangled by the pulley.

When the barrel hit the ground, its bottom fell out, spilling the bricks.

Immediately, the man weighed more than the barrel. It started up as he started back down.

Again, there was a third-floor collision. This time, he sustained two fractured ankles, a broken tooth and leg lacerations.

But his luck turned slightly. The second collision slowed his descent, thus softening the landing. This time, his injuries were less severe--three cracked vertebrae and additional abrasions.

Stunned, he sprawled there in pain, unable to move. He gazed at the empty barrel, six stories skyward.

"I guess I lost consciousness, for it was then that I let go of the rope. The barrel dropped rapidly, conking me on the noggin again," he whined. "Are these enough details to warrant my getting workers' comp?"

Another favorite story referenced his answering his home telephone in the middle of the night.

He listened to the prattle of an Arlington woman who was upset with her water bill. He urged her to contact then-mayor Tom Vandergriff.

"I tried, but his residential number ain't in the phone book," she complained.

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Big Spring Steers Baseball Coach Daniel Carrillo to coach in the 2021 GWTBCA ALL-Star Game

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

It's summer, and that means it's also time for All-Star high school baseball showcase games. One of the most prominent of these games is the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association (GWTBCA) All-Star game. This year's event will be held Saturday, June 19, at 1 p.m. in Frenship. They have selected Big Spring Steers Head Baseball Coach Daniel Carrillo to be one of the coaches for the game.

Coach Carrillo coaches the Blue team this weekend. The units include local baseball players from around the West Texas region varying from class 4A-6A and TAPPS. The players will be from schools such as Midland Lee, Lubbock Cooper, Lubbock Christian, San Angelo Central, Leveland, Lubbock High, Trinity Christian, Perryton, Lubbock Estacado, Snyder, Pecos, Andrews, Frenship, Plainview, Amarillo High, Midland Christian,



Herald Photo

Head Baseball Coach Daniel Carrillo sends in a signal at a game.

Canyon, Andrews, Palo Duro, and Snyder. Even though no Big Spring Steers made the team, this will be an exceptional opportunity for Coach Carrillo to have time to coach some players he is acquainted with and some he is not.

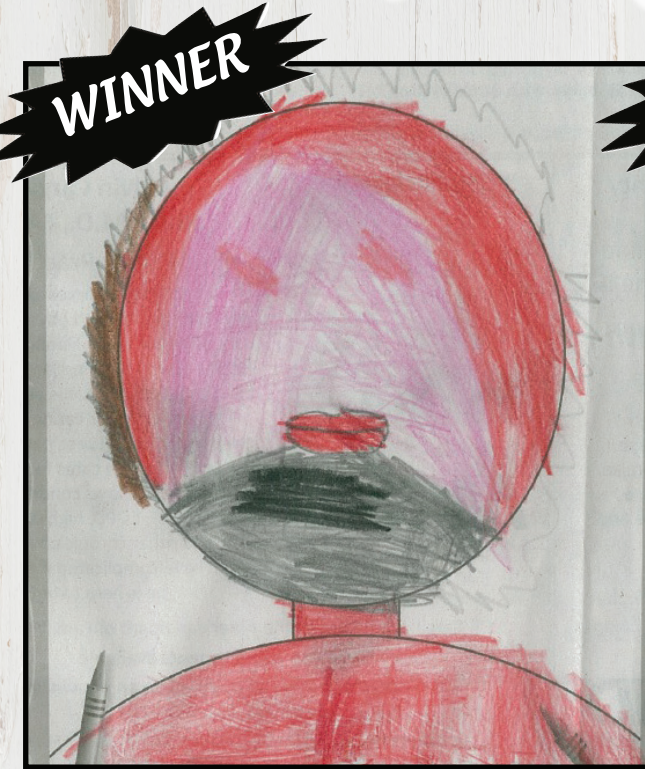
His being requested to help in this game illustrates what kind of coach he is and will remain to be.

This game will be a display of a lot of local talent from around the area. It will be a superb chance to see all the skilled baseball players and what West Texas brings to the plate. It should be an excellent time if you are searching for something to do Saturday afternoon; head down to Frenship and catch a game of baseball.

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

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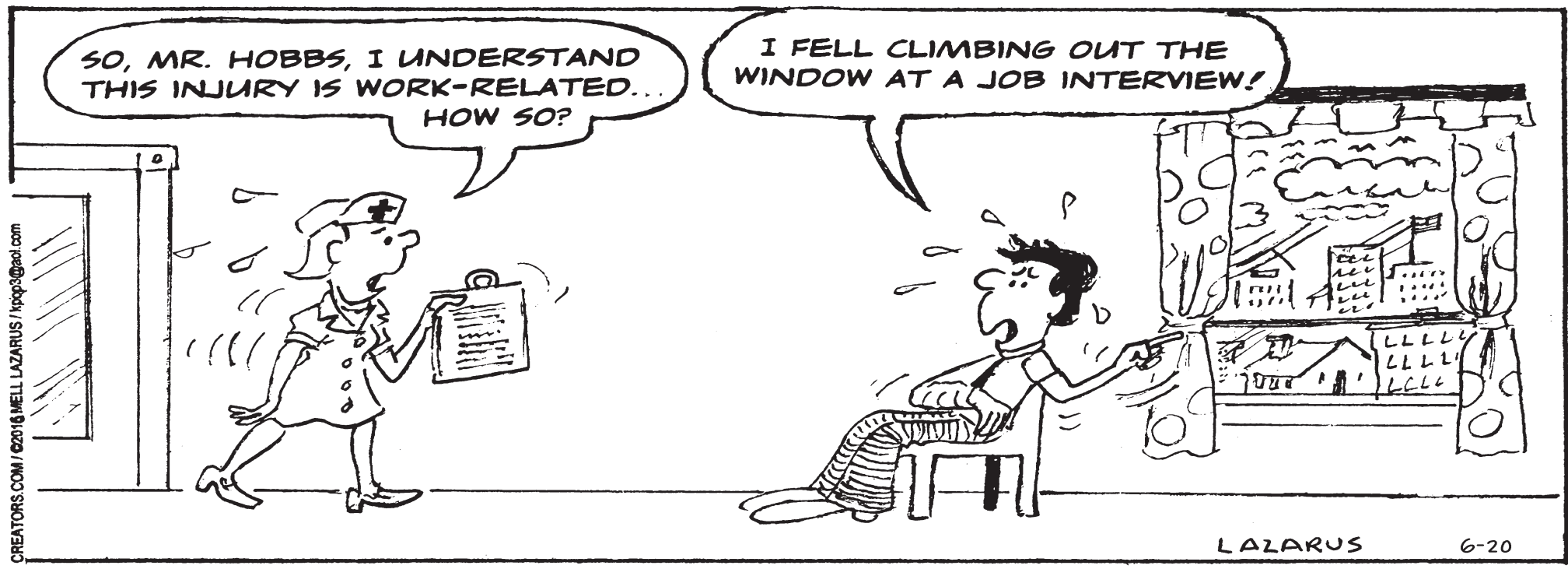
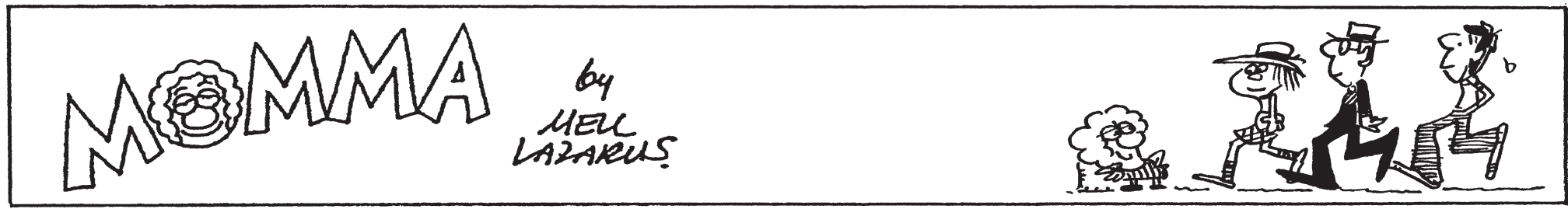
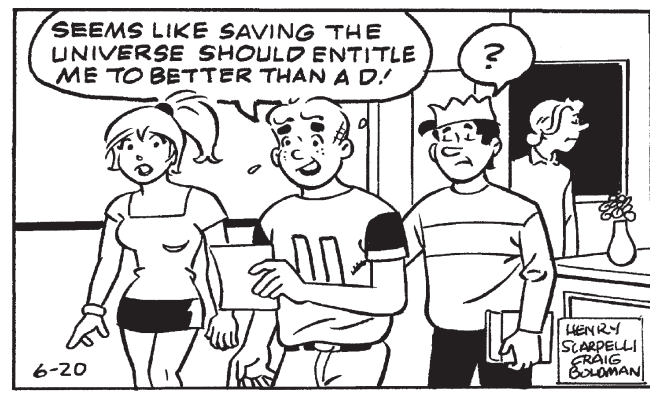
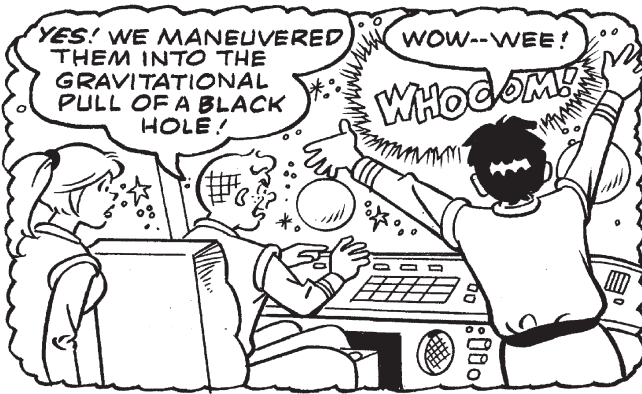
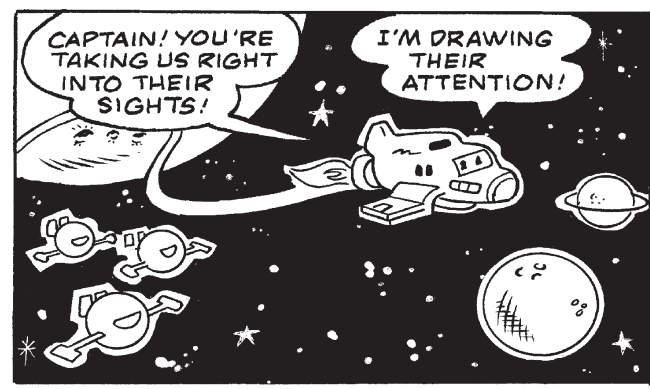
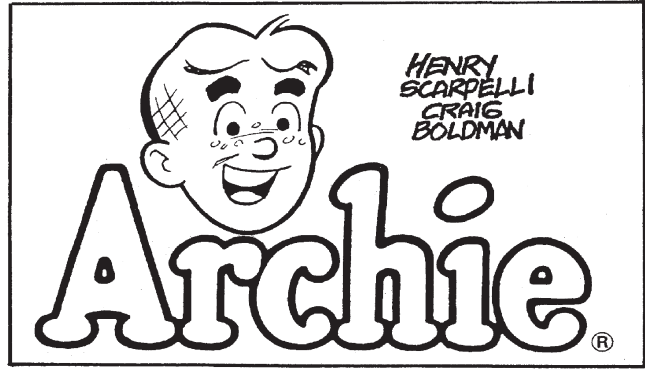
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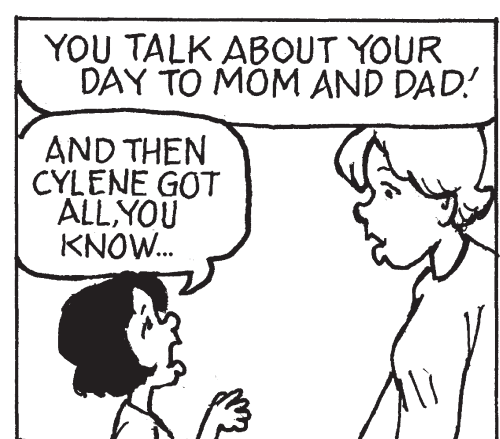
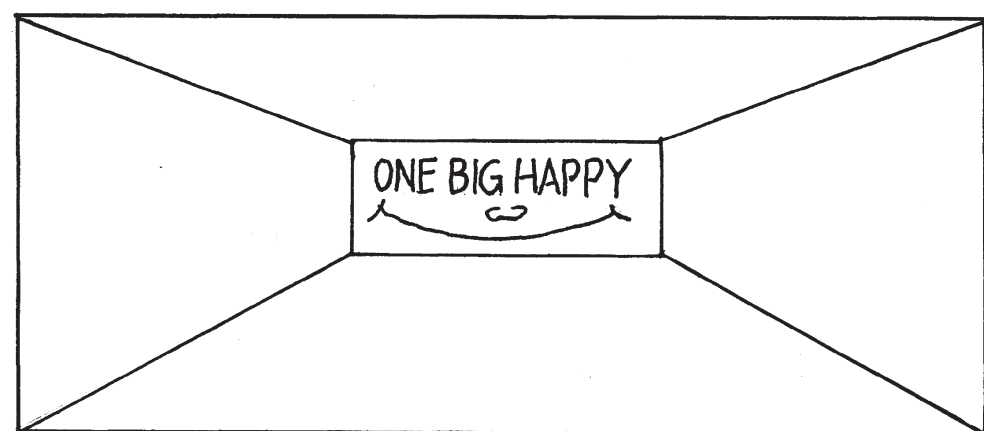
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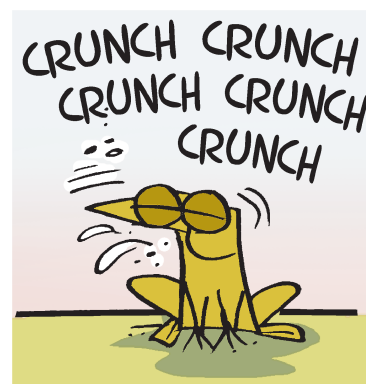
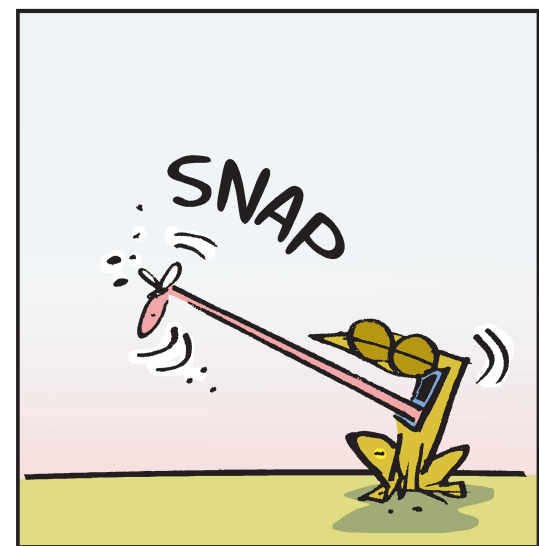
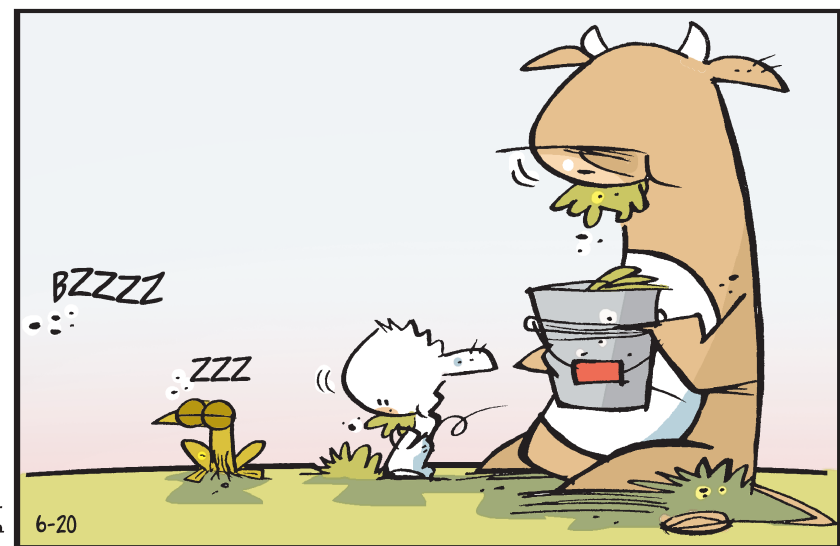


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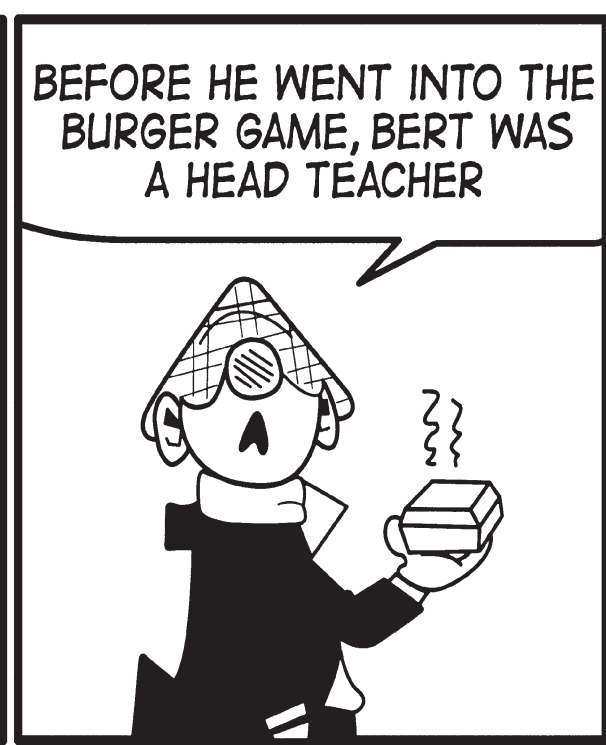
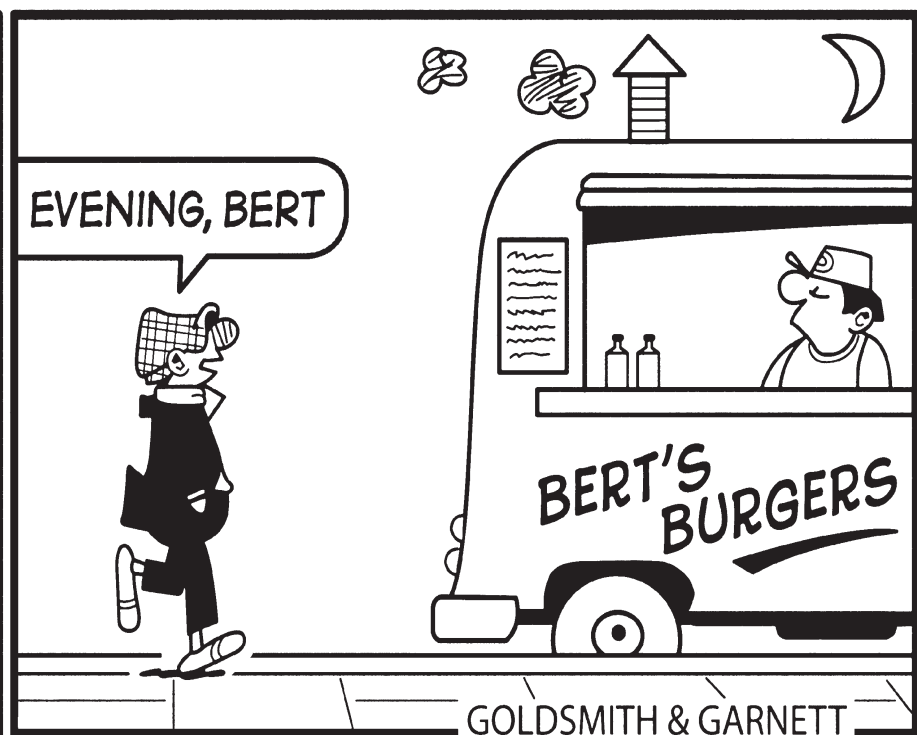
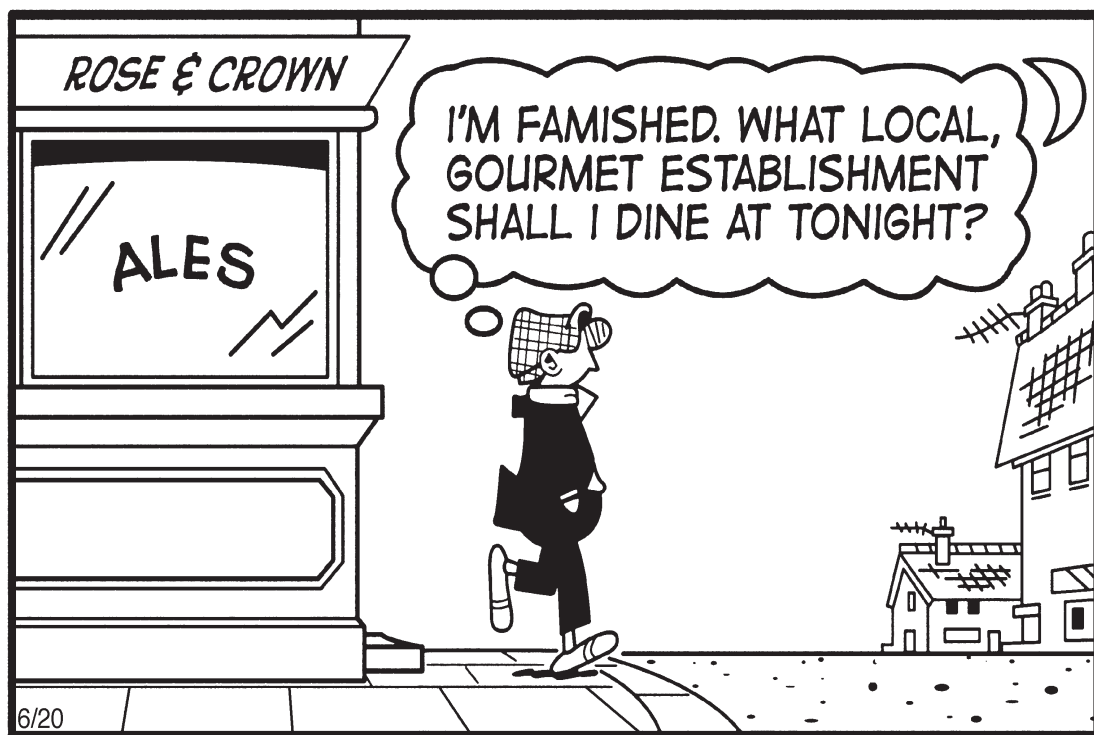


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A man driven by a malicious evil has set a depraved plan into motion. And he's coming after Woody and his mother. The reasons are primal. His powers are growing, and he's not alone. Only a force greater than evil can stop what's coming next.

In *Hush* - Detective Harriet Blue #4 (AUCD F PAT J) by James Patterson and Candice Fox, fierce detective Harriet Blue - now former detective - has found herself behind bars. And she never expects who comes to see her: Deputy Police Commissioner Joe Woods. The man who put her inside. But Woods is not there to gloat. His daughter Tonya and her two-year-old child have gone missing. He's ready to offer Harriet a deal: find his family to buy her freedom.

The daughter of a US Senator is monitoring her social media presence when she finds a picture of herself on a strange blog in *Masked Prey* - Lucas Davenport #30 (AUCD F SAN J) by John Sandford. And there are other pictures of the children of other influential Washington politicians, walking or standing outside their schools, each identified by name. Surrounding the photos are texts of vicious political rants from a motley variety of radical groups. It's obviously alarming, is there an unstable extremist tracking the loved ones of powerful politicians with deadly intent? But when the FBI is called in, there isn't much the feds can do.

The anonymous photographer can't be pinned down to one location or IP address, and more importantly, at least to the paper-processing bureaucrats, no crime has actually been committed. With nowhere else to turn, influential Senators decide to call in someone who can operate outside the FBI's constraints: Lucas Davenport.

At an exclusive private school in Switzerland, mystery surrounds the identity of the beautiful raven-haired girl who arrives each morning in a motorcade fit for a head of state in *The New Girl* - Gabriel Allon #19 (AUCD F SIL D) by Daniel Silva. She is said to be the daughter of a wealthy international businessman. In truth, her father is Khalid bin Mohammed, the much-maligned crown prince of Saudi Arabia.

Once celebrated for his daring social and religious reforms, he is now reviled for his role in the murder of a dissident journalist. And when his only child is brutally kidnapped, he turns to the one man he can trust to find her before it is too late. Gabriel Allon, the legendary chief of Israeli intelligence, has spent most of his life fighting terrorists, including the murderous jihadists financed by Saudi Arabia. Prince Khalid, or KBM, as he is known, has pledged to finally break the bond between the Kingdom and radical Islam. For that reason alone, Gabriel regards him as a valuable, if flawed, partner. Together, they will become unlikely allies in a deadly secret war for control of the Middle East.

The life of a child, and the throne of Saudi Arabia, hang in the balance. Both men have made their share of enemies. And both have everything to lose.

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Sounds of Summer - Cicada and other insects

By JUDY TERELETSKY

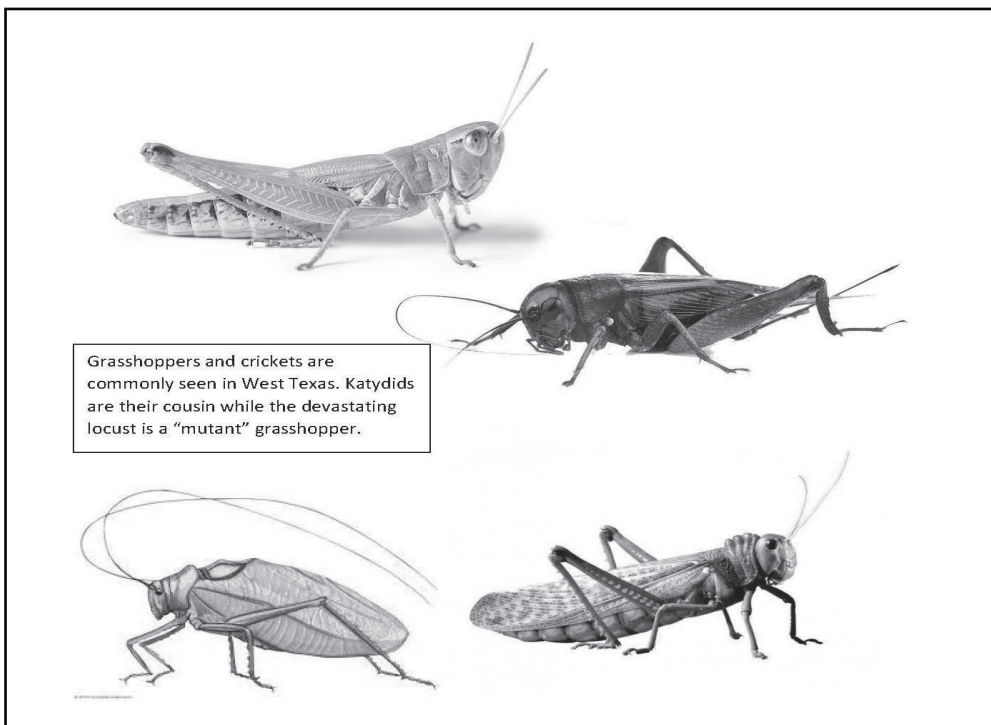
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I was born and raised in Big Spring, but my military family had called Pennsylvania home until that time. I remember my mom telling me a story of the first summer the family was here. My sister came running into the house announcing that there were rattlesnakes in the trees! What she had heard were the songs of the Cicada and the rattle of them flying from one tree to the next.

Much has been in the national news lately over the 17-year Cicada emerging in the Northern and Eastern states. Cicada have a unique life cycle, living only a short amount of time above ground, about 5-6 weeks. After mating, the female lays her eggs among tree branches then dies. Upon hatching, the offspring — known as nymphs — drop to the ground and bury themselves. They stay underground, drinking liquids from roots until they reach maturity to emerge to start the cycle for a new generation. And “generation” is a good term as, depending on the species, this process takes three to 17 years. Most of the Cicada in West Texas are the 13-year species, but you will see emergence yearly as some overlap or stagger the generations. Of course, what you see first are the temporary exoskeletons that are left from the nymphs splitting their exoskeletons and emerging as a winged adult. Then we get to hear them!

Male Cicadas are well known for their song, which is used to attract females. The sound is produced by vibrating membranes called tymbal on the sides of their abdomen. Females do not sing. The song of the Cicada can reach over 100 decibels and can be heard from one mile away. A secondary use of the Cicada song is self-defense. When a Cicada is captured by a bird it will emit a high-pitched shrill or rattle loudly. Occasionally, this will startle the predator enough that it opens their beak slightly and the Cicada flies away to safety. Birds are not the only consumers of Cicadas. Cicadas, along with crickets, grasshoppers and katydids, are eaten by humans. Not on my Friday night dinner group’s menu!

Cousins to the Cicada are crickets and katydids. These cousins, along with grasshoppers and locust, produce their sounds by rubbing different body parts (legs, abdomen, forewings, etc.) together. Field crickets are found in a variety of places, from fields or lawns to damp areas of buildings. Katydids and grasshoppers live outdoors where they can eat plants. These insects can also be distinguished by how they travel. Cicadas walk or fly, no jumping. Crickets walk or jump but don’t fly. Katydids walk, jump, and some fly. Grasshoppers walk, jump, and fly short distances. Locusts swarm and fly with the wind. Crickets and grasshoppers personally give me the “creeps”, but I always remember reading the Ingalls family in *Little House on the Prairie* books telling of the locusts attacking the crops. Locusts are over-excited grasshoppers, almost Mr. Hyde to the Dr. Jekyll. What makes little green grasshoppers turn into brown, crop destroying, chomping, swarming locusts? The chemical Serotonin, a compound that sends impulses be-



Grasshoppers and crickets are commonly seen in West Texas. Katydids are their cousin while the devastating locust is a “mutant” grasshopper.

Diatomaceous earth is a popular garden additive for many different reasons, but most notably because of how it affects pests such as the grasshopper. It is made up of the shells of fossilized algae. When it comes into contact with an insect like a grasshopper, it dehydrates their body causing them to die. Be careful not to inhale or get it in your eyes. Some say to spray your plants with garlic water to keep those “vampires” away. Verbena, Salvia, and Crepe Myrtle are some of the plants which grasshoppers don’t like. Agricultural producers can help to break the life cycle of grasshoppers by using many of their natural enemies. A fungus, *Entomophthora grylli*, can be used against the adult grasshopper in warm and humid areas. A protozoan, *Nosema locustae*, can be used in baits but often act too slowly. Birds such as quail, turkey or chickens can help control the insect. According to the AgriLife Extension Service

tween nerve cells and affects everything from sleep to aggression in humans. According to a *Scientific American* article by Katherine Harmon in 2009, “...researchers from universities in the UK and Australia found it took just two to three hours for timid grasshoppers in a lab to morph into the voracious locusts after being injected with serotonin. Conversely, if they gave serotonin blockers, the locust stayed solitary even in swarm induced conditions.” Such are the miracles of science, but I don’t see the sense of a career injecting individual bugs one at a time with chemicals. Grasshoppers, without turning into locust, can destroy plants. Ten adult grasshoppers per square yard are economically damaging to rangeland, according to the USDA. Smaller numbers can damage cropland and gardens, depending on crop type and age. A classic study showed the 6-7 adult grasshoppers per square yard on 10 acres of pasture ate as much as a cow.(1) There are several ways to combat these insects although more than one method might have to be used to be effective.



Courtesy photos

The Cicada can make a sound reaching over 100 decibels and be heard one mile away.

the Cicada song of summer than the munching of plants.

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Chamber of Commerce happenings ...

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is ramping up networking events and promoting small business.

In the past couple of weeks, the Chamber of Commerce has held the first annual Clay Shoot, drawing in almost 20 teams - which is a success for the first year; the first of the Summer Shopping Extravaganza events took place, with 10 local boutiques taking part.

The Clay Shoot was held at Moss Creek Ranch, with the support of almost 20 local businesses, along with the support from Bob Price.

According to Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, there is a surprise event coming up in July and August that will bring a new level of supporting local business to Big Spring and Howard County. More details will be released as

the final touches are put together.

Thank you presentations for Chamber members continue to take place on Tuesdays, as a way to show appreciation for those businesses who continuously invest into the community in which they live, play and work.

For those businesses who are looking to get involved with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce or just want to find out more information, contact Debbye ValVerde at 432-263-7641.

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- Mike Haddix, 401 Humble St. Apt. E, Midland
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- Rafael Lemus, 1804 Mittel, Big Spring
- Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring

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Highlighting Howard Co. business

Encouraging a love of dancing - Dance Lab

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Get up and Dance ... or tumble ... or Cheer ... or go and compete. Either way, whichever is your choice ... head on over to Dance Lab and start training.

Seeing the interest and the desire to learn the art of dance that existed in the community, Jessica Rutledge and her team decided to embark on a journey a few years ago and have watched it grow since.

"There are children in this community with a love and interest for dance, cheer-leading, and tumbling, and all of our coaches, including myself are blessed with the opportunity to coach and instruct them in these areas, which we love as well," Jessica Rutledge, owner of Dance Lab, said. "I have chosen to pour into this business because it is an amazing opportunity to bless many people, especially children, and have a wonderful time in the process."

While the passion and love of dance serve as the foundation on which each of the instructors stand on, the business overall is much like any other in the community. The desire to pour into the community and be part of the growth is another sustaining pillar.

"Like many other businesses we love our community and have a desire to thrive and a desire to see other local businesses thrive as well," she said. "However, if I had to pick anything that sets us apart it would be the level of excellence that my coaches and instructors bring to the table."

Rutledge is supported by her head coaches and instructors: Keelee Allen, Megan Wilson, Kellie Hungerford, Jessica Rutledge. The Assistant Coaches and instructors are Anissa Arguello, Chloe Bustamante, Avery Allen, Justin Morrison, Jalynn Wagner.

"I pray all the families and especially the children who come to Dance Lab are blessed to be there. Any kids wanting to learn new skills, increase in their talents, compete, and grow in their skills can benefit from becoming part of our team," she said.

The need is evident, but it's not a need that can be met with just one dance studio. While there are many kids who would benefit from instruction in dance and many more who have a desire to improve their talent, Dance Lab is looking at ways to expand to further meet that need. At this time, according to Rutledge, the process has started to find a suitable building to own that would allow for expansion.

"My most pressing goal is to have our own building so that we don't have to rely on leasing, and so we can increase our programs and classes," she said. "We are at our limit right now and aren't able to add one how we would like to add."

Dance Lab is still on the uphill climb, as many small businesses are, from the pandemic that swept across the nation. With in-person classes being stopped for several months revenue went down. The recovery from that is still happening as classes begin to come back online and families begin to look at activities for the summer.

"Many people were afraid and nervous to bring their children around other children, and I don't blame them. But now that reports and e-mails are coming out revealing the true nature and agenda behind the virus, as well as the efficacy of treatments available, I can confidently say that we are not afraid of the virus, nor will we allow such a pandemic, or the government to shut us down," Rutledge said.

She continued, "We have had many opportunities. I am thankful to the community, and places like Howard College, and events like the Howard County Fair and Funtastic Fourth, for giving us opportunities to perform, and to my wonderful husband and family who have supported me so much and are helping me right now to get into a new building."

As Rutledge continues to navigate her small business journey, she encourages others who are looking to venture out in their own endeavour to first look to God.



Courtesy photo

Dance Lab provides training all week long for tumbling, competitive cheer, dance and more. Dance Lab Owner Jessica Rutledge along with her team of instructors are following their passion and helping to impact the youth of the community at the same time.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans' Proverbs 16:3. Also, seek wise counsel. Get advice. I cannot express this enough. Do not try to figure everything out on your own," she said. "As smart as you are, you do not know everything. Also, pray for your business and pray for the people who work for you. Do not badmouth any competing business. Stay in your lane, and be willing to do the hard work that produces results, builds character, and sets an example."

Another key point that Rutledge encourages to those who are able: invest in your company. While it's understandable to need the income, her advice is to avoid paying yourself as long as you can and instead roll that revenue over into the business to help it grow and progress. She stresses the importance of this because this is what helped sustain Dance Lab through the pandemic.

"The support of the community encourages us greatly. I want to extend a heartfelt 'Thank you' to everyone who has supported us. I have recently received such great encouragement and support from so many people, and I believe that support helped save our business in a moment of unexpected uncertainty," Rutledge said. "So thank you, thank you very much, Big Spring, Texas."

Dance Lab is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. Classes take place Sunday through Saturday. For more information, contact the instructors through Facebook on the Dance Lab page or e-mail dancelab19@gmail.com. Also, visit www.dancelabbigspring.com to find out more.

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

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Just sharing a few thoughts in life

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

There are moments in life that many of us would just as well fast forward through, moments that if left up to us would not take place ... an easy path is what most of us would design.

I've often been one of these people; if left to my design there would be no valleys, no hurt, no pain, but as I grow older I have begun to realize the valleys are really the moments that have shaped me.

Stubborn me has struggled with the best of them, grumbled about the bad things that happen, but in hindsight, my greatest lessons were

birthed in those moments.

The heartbreak, the pain of loss, rejection, and stumbles have been the moments that I thought were holding me back, but often times - if I'm honest, everyone I can recall - was actually a saving grace. The pain has often strengthened me; the rejection launched me into a better position and the heartbreak taught me that I deserve better.

Maybe it's time to focus on the lesson instead of the loss; accept the rejection and step into the next.

RECORDS

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Ruben Lopez Jr., 107 Milburn St., Synder, Texas

Clifford G. Lowe, 501 Circle, Big Spring

Patricia D. Lyons, 7502 Interstate 27 number A, Lubbock

Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa

Bruce Edward Mallard, P.O. Box 3265 504 Westover, Big Spring

Barbara A. Marshall, P.O. Box 1065, Deming, New Mexico

James Martinez, P.O. Box 269, Ft. Davis

Rene N. Martinez, 8618 Serene Ridge, Big Spring, Texas

Victoria Josephine Martinez, 323 S. Main St., Loraine

Karen McCalister, 5925 Raton Ln. number 154, Ft. Worth

O'Neal McClain, 911 17th St., Snyder

Diana McCool, 504 Donley, Big Spring

Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd., Big Spring, Texas

Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring

Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover Rd.

Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa

Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring

Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring

Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring

Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring

Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City

Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring

Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas

Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring

Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas

Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring

Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Justin Charles Grigsby, 36, and Sarai Candiani, 31, both of Big Spring.

David Allan Scott, 60, and Delores Diane German, 63, both of Big Spring.

Joe Thomas Bogle, 26, and Stephanie Jo Bledsoe, 27, both of Big Spring.

Marcus Christopher McKiddy, 24, and Alicia Ann

Heaton, 24, both of Midland.

Jonathan Perez, 29, and Hannah Alexis Trevino, 23, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: William Spalla Jr.

Defendant: Janae Gossel

Type of Case: Divorce - no children

Date: June 10, 2021

Plaintiff: Roosevelt Brown Jr.

Defendant: Unknown heirs of Annie Labrew

Type of Case: Real property - other

Date: June 11, 2021

Plaintiff: Dominique Rodriguez

Defendant: Gabriel Rodriguez

Type of Case: Divorce - children

Date: June 14, 2021

Plaintiff: James W. Roczniak, individually, and Ella

Marie V. Kalawe as representative of the estate of

Joseph A. Roczniak, deceased

Defendant: Tuttle and Tuttle Trucking Inc. et al

Type of Case: Injury/Damage - motor vehicles

Date: June 11, 2021

Plaintiff: US Bank National Association

Defendant: Larry Lang

Type of Case: Civil Case - other

Date: June 15, 2021

Plaintiff: Cassandra Mata

Defendant: Victor Mata Villarreal

Type of Case: Protective order - no divorce

Date: June 16, 2021

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Raul Morales and Martha A. Martinez

Grantee: Raul Morales

Property: Lots 6 and 7, Allen Subdivision, NE/4 Sec. 47. Blk. 31 T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.

Date: June 7, 2021

Grantor: Fifth Turn Enterprises LLC

Grantee: Jimmy Crouse

Property: A 5-acre tract in SW/4 Sec. 20, Blk. 30, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

Date: June 7, 2021

Grantor: Patricia Davis, Angie Davis Ewals, and Anthony Davis

Grantee: Joshua Bailey and Desiree Ripple

Property: Tract 1: A 2-acre tract in Sec. 40, Blk. 32, T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: A 2.19-acre tract in Sec. 40, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: June 7, 2021

Grantor: Roger D. Brown and Anna M. Brown

Grantee: David L. Ashby and Cindy P. Ashby

Property: Tract 1: A 4.6-acre tract in NW/4 of Sec. 17, Blk.32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: A 3.61-acre tract in Sec. 17, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

Date: June 7, 2021

Grantor: Steven Ray Westbrook and Judith Elaine Westbrook

Grantee: Ryan McLain and Meredith McLain

Property: A 0.449-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 32, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, except the S/5 feet of the described property.

Date: June 9, 2021

Grantor: Alex Broussard

Grantee: Alex Broussard and Amber Broussard

Property: Lot 9, Blk. 1, a repeat of Lots 5-10, Blk. 1, Lots 3-9, Blk. 2, and Lots 3-20, Blk. 3, Caroline Court Subdivision.

Date: June 9, 2021

Grantor: Michelle Coutermarsh

Grantee: Old Big Spring Property LLC

Property: Surface estate only of Lot 11, Blk. 9, College Park Estates Addition

Date: June 10, 2021

Grantor: Pamela J. Pope McMillan, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Margie Pope, deceased

Grantee: Caden Davidson

Property: Lot 8, Blk. 29, College Park Estates

Date: June 10, 2021

Grantor: Kelly Paige

Grantee: Randy Lee Paige Jr.

Property: A 3.27-acre tract of a 9.48-acre tract in NW corner of Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.

Date: June 11, 2021

Grantor: Linda Rodriguez, the sole managing member of the voluntarily terminated Znergen Fluids LLC

Grantee: Platinum C Investments LLC

Property: Part of Tract 13, of the Kennebeck Heights Addition, a subdivision of a part of Sec. 12, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: June 11, 2021

Grantor: Pamela J. Pope McMillan, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Margie Pope, deceased

Grantee: Caden Davidson

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Date: June 11, 2021

Lunch Menu

Senior Center

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Date: June 11, 2021

Grantor: Shayna Marie Acuff Trust, created by the Last Will and Testament of Milton Wayne Walker

Grantee: DF Stanley and LaRhonda Stanley

Property: Grantor's undivided right, title and interest in a tract in NW/4 Sec. 30, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.

Date: June 11, 2021

Grantor: Jennifer Layne Bell, individually and Shayna Marie Acuff Trust, created by the Last Will and Testament of Milton Wayne Walker

Grantee: DF Stanley and LaRhonda Stanley

Property: Grantor's undivided right, title and interest in a tract in NW/4 Sec. 24, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.

Date: June 11, 2021

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Helen Richardson

Grantee: Christian Maria Rodriguez

Property: Lot 28, Blk. 6, Douglass Addition

Date: June 9, 2021

Grantor: Ryan McLain and Meredith McLain

Grantee: Virginia Night

Property: Two 0.499-acre tracts in SE/4 of Sec. 32, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.

Date: June 9, 2021

Grantor: John Kristian Szymanski, acting by and through his agent and attorney-in-fact, Deena Szymanski; and Deena Szymanski

Grantee: John Hinson and Summer Hinson

Property: Lots 15, 16, 17, Blk. D, Campestre Estates, ec. 17, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: June 10, 2021

Grantor: Delynda Reed and Richard Reed

Grantee: Cory Clark Ryan

Property: Lot 6, Blk. 4, West Cliff Addition

Date: June 10, 2021

Grantor: John R. Allred and Bonnie Mae Allred

Grantee: Anthony Lopez-Black

Property: Lot 12, Blk. 6, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 1).

Date: June 11, 2021

Grantor: Neva Shaffer, by and through her agent and attorney in fact, Connie Griffin

Grantee: Caleb Lamb

Property: Lot 2, Blk. 3, Settles Addition

Date: June 11, 2021

Grantor: R.J. Mesquite Investments LLC

Grantee: Oscar Hernandez Jr.

Property: Lot 19, Blk. 3, College Park Estates

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successful bidder(s) must submit to the County Judge a report from an acceptable testing laboratory certifying that the material to be purchased meets or exceeds these material specifications.

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Material shall be located at the successful Bidder's location, which must be in Glasscock County. This location shall be stated in the bid document. There is no minimum or guaranteed quantity of material stated or implied with the award of this bid.

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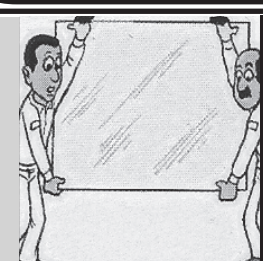
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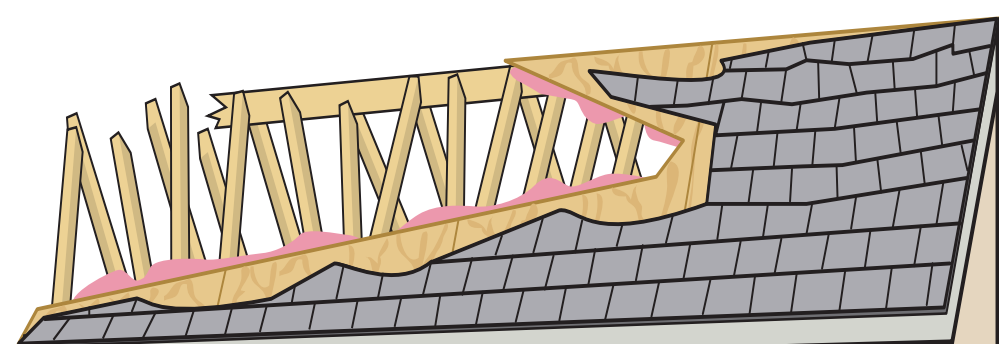
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Our call back number is 432 264 7450.

It's a 1976 Glastron Boat Orange and white LP 5989YN TX VIN: GLA52136M76E

Motor: LP 9643AD TX VIN: 04587262

#10952

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0330344 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 18, 2021 Status/ Permit No. 866772 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 9, 2021 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HIGHPEAK ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 385826] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant

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is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 11, Bk. 25, H&TC RR CO Survey, A-20, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 13.2 miles NE direction from COAHOMA, TEXAS, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512) 463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest-ant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services

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Department at (512) 463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jul 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/ Unit -Name : CAR-PENTER 11-31 B UNIT

Lease/ Unit Well No. : A 6H Lease/ Unit Acres : 800.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 295.0 F North L, 1565.0 F East L Survey Lines : 295.0 F North L, 1565.0 F East L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 400.0 F SOUTH L 1210.0 F EAST L

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Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 31 Block: 27 Abstract : 31 Survey: H&TC RR CO Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L 1210.0 F EAST L Survey Lines: 2568.0 F NORTH L 1210.0 F EAST L

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

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

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Missy Dwyer, at (432) 528-2203.

#10955

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE (REAL PROPERTY)

BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution issued out of the 118th District Court of Howard County, State of Texas, in a certain cause numbered: 52123 where in John Deere Construction & Forestry Company vs Matthew Alexander is the Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of \$21,720.46, plus post-judgment interest at the rate of 5.50% from June 10, 2019 until paid plus attorney's fees and court cost and fees totaling \$1,510.00. I on the 9th of March, 2021 at 1:41 p.m. have levied upon, and will on

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the 6th of July 2021, at 300 S Main at the north courthouse door, between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Big Spring, Texas with in legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Matthew Alexander in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the defendant, to wit:

PROPERTY

Being acres 4.640, SC 19 BK 32 1S TR 15-16 2007 Combine Accts 51519005900 & 6000022023 Acq 120611 Bk/Tract 32 1s 4064 Acres, in Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat in the Records of Howard County, Texas and commonly known as 4006 Chaparral Road, Big Spring, TX.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$23,230.46 plus judgement interest at the rate of 5.50% from June 10, 2019 until paid in favor of John Deere Construction & Forestry Company together with costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this

Stan Parker Sheriff Howard County, Texas By: /s/Dean Restelli Chief Deputy Dean Restelli 432-264-2231

#10937



Country cooking with Southern flair

Country cooking elicits visions of straight-from-the-garden vegetables and farm-fresh meats and dairy. For those in the United States, country cooking and Southern cooking may be thought of as interchangeable, as so many homespun meals are made that much more delicious with some southern influence.

Buttermilk-infused recipes are part of any country cook's repertoire, as are crispy, fried foods. That's the pairing in this delicious side dish or appetizer for "Buttermilk-Battered Okra Fries With Comeback Sauce" from "Southern Appetizers: 60 Delectables for Gracious Get-Togethers" (Chronicle Books) by Denise Gee.

Buttermilk-Battered Okra Fries With Comeback Sauce Serves 6 (About six fries each; makes 2 cups sauce)

- Comeback Sauce
- 1 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/4 cup chili sauce
 - 1/4 cup ketchup
 - 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced, or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 2 tablespoons finely grated sweet or white onion or 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon Dijon or yellow mustard
 - 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1 teaspoon hot sauce
 - 1/4 teaspoon hot or smoked paprika
 - Salt (optional)

Okra Fries

- Canola or corn oil for frying
- 8 ounces small to medium okra pods, stemmed and halved lengthwise
 - 1 cup buttermilk (or enough to cover okra)
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 3/4 cup cornstarch
 - Salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

To make the sauce: In a food processor, purée the mayonnaise, chili sauce, ketchup, olive oil, garlic, onion, Worcestershire, lemon juice, mustard, black pepper, hot sauce, and paprika. (Or use a medium bowl and whisk to combine all the ingredients.) Season with salt, if needed, cover tightly, and let the sauce sit overnight in the refrigerator before serving. To make the okra: Place several layers of paper towels atop a paper bag or platter. Keep it close to where you'll be frying.

In an electric fryer, Dutch oven, or heavy cast-iron skillet, add canola oil to a depth of 2 to 4 inches. Heat to 350 F. (If you're not using an electric fryer, use a fry/candy thermometer to ensure the temperature stays consistent.)

In a medium bowl, soak the sliced okra in the buttermilk and set aside.

In a large paper bag or large plastic zip-top bag, combine the flour, cornstarch, 1/2 teaspoon salt, black pepper, garlic powder, and cayenne (if using). Drain the buttermilk-soaked okra and dredge it in the flour mixture. Carefully shake off any excess flour. Fry in batches of seven or eight pieces for 2 to 3 minutes or until crispy and light golden brown, turning them carefully midway through.

Use a fry basket or slotted spoon to remove the okra to drain on the paper towels. While still hot, season the okra with additional salt, if desired. Serve the okra fries immediately with the sauce.

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker

Bad luck comes in bunches

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

took the jack with the queen and returned a heart. When South next played the A-K, he learned the hearts were 4-2. Declarer now tried a low club to the queen, hoping West had the king. But East took the queen with the king and returned the jack of clubs to South's ace. The situation took a further turn for the worse when declarer next led a diamond to the queen, hoping West had led originally from a three-card suit. But after East showed out, South decided that his last remaining chance was to try a spade finesse. So he led a spade to the king and finessed the jack on the return. East won with the queen and cashed his remaining clubs to put the contract down two. All of which indicates that bad luck comes in bunches, though it's true that South could have made the contract easily had he known the queen of hearts was doubleton. One reasonable but somewhat unusual method of play — without the benefit of a peek at the East-West cards — is to allow East's ten of diamonds to hold the first trick! Assuming West made a normal lead from a four-card suit, East would then be forced to return a spade, a heart or a club, all of which would hand declarer his ninth trick.

The bidding: East South West North Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — two of diamonds. This is one of those hard-luck deals where you can't help sympathizing with declarer, even though you might not have played his cards exactly the way he did. West led a diamond, taken by South with the king. Declarer had eight solid tricks and quite a few chances for a ninth. He started by leading a low heart to the jack at trick two. This gave him two chances for an extra trick: one if West had the queen, and another if the opposing hearts were divided 3-3. But East

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:

