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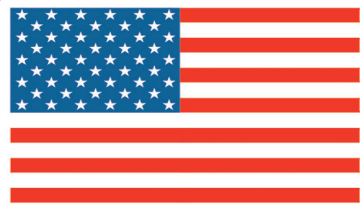
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Texas Department of Transportation doing survey of I-20

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

How do you personally use Interstate 20? What improvements do you think should be made to I-20, the primary east-west thoroughfare connecting Howard County with the rest of Texas and the United States?

These are questions the Texas Department of Transportation wants to find answers to, and so has started the "I-20 Texas Corridor Study," an online survey giving residents along the interstate a chance to sound off on these issues.

According to the survey's website, "The I-20 Texas Corridor Study, conducted by TxDOT's Freight, Trade, and Connectivity Section of the Transportation Planning

and Programming Division, will identify multimodal needs and prioritize improvements that facilitate the movement of people and goods from east to

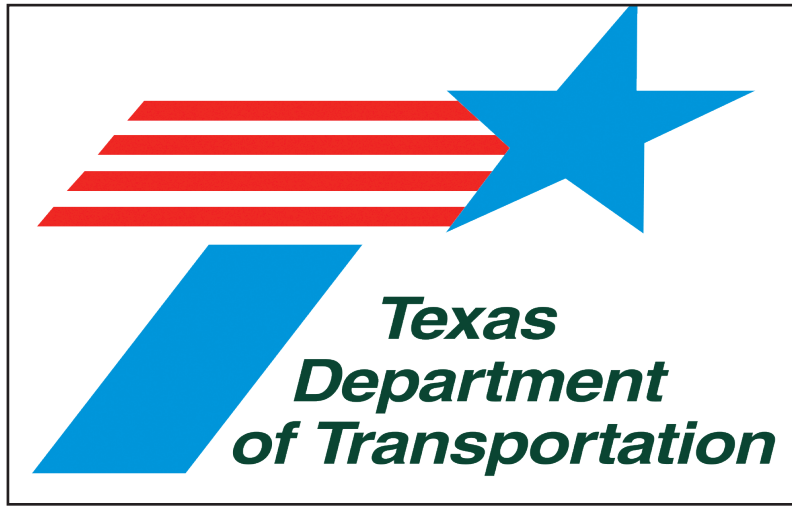
Reeves County to the Texas/Louisiana state line, a distance of 635 miles.

"I-20 is one of the primary east-west travel routes in Texas," the site states.

"The corridor is used for travel, trade and as a primary evacuation route from I-635 to the Texas/Louisiana state border in case of an emergency."

The site says that the study is a critical part of maintaining the safety and efficiency of the regional and national transportation system, as well as planning for future growth.

Key elements of the study include safety, condition of existing infrastructure, congestion and capacity, alternative routes and corridor resiliency, multimodal passenger and freight options, truck parking locations, traffic operations and intelligent transportation systems, front



west."

The site goes on to say that the study covers the entire length of Interstate 20 in Texas, from the I-10 junction in

Omicron unravels travel industry's plans for a comeback

By **DAVID KOENIG and YURI KAGEYAMA**

Associated Press

Tourism businesses that were just finding their footing after nearly two years of devastation wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic are being rattled again as countries throw up new barriers to travel in an effort to contain the omicron variant.

From shopping districts in Japan and tour guides in the Holy Land to ski resorts in the Alps and airlines the world over, a familiar dread is rising about the renewed restrictions.

Meanwhile, travelers eager to get out there have been thrown back into the old routine of reading up on new requirements and postponing trips.

Abby Moore, a librarian and associate professor at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, was scheduled to leave for Prague on Wednesday. But the day before her flight, she started having doubts when she saw that Prague had

closed its Christmas markets and imposed a city-wide curfew.

"I wasn't really concerned about my trip until the Czech Republic started what looked like a mini-lockdown process," said Moore, who decided to reschedule her travel to March.

Less than a month after significantly easing restrictions for inbound international travel, the U.S. government has banned most foreign nationals who have recently been in any of eight southern African countries. A similar boomerang was seen in Japan and Israel, both of which tightened restrictions shortly after relaxing them.

While it is not clear where the variant emerged, South African scientists identified it last week, and many places have restricted travel from the wider region, including the European Union and Canada.

For all the alarm, little is known about omicron, including whether it is more contagious, causes more serious illness or can evade vaccines.

Still, governments that were slow to react to the first wave of COVID-19 are eager to avoid past mistakes. The World Health Organization says, however, that travel bans are of limited value and will "place a heavy burden on lives and livelihoods." Other experts say travel restrictions won't keep variants out but might give countries more time to get people vaccinated.

London-based airline easyJet said Tuesday that renewed travel restrictions already appear to be hurting winter bookings, although CEO Johan Lundgren said the damage is not yet as severe as during previous waves. The CEO of SAS Scandinavian Airlines said winter demand was looking up, but now we "need to figure out what the new variants may mean."

"In the past year, each new variant has brought a decline in bookings, but then an increase once the surge dissipates," said Helene Becker, an analyst with fi

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Lydia Loera named State National's Employee of the Year



Courtesy Photo
 State National CEO Richard Steel presents Lydia Loera with the employee of the year award.

Lydia Loera of the O'Donnell Branch of the State National Bank has been named the bank's Employee of the Year. Lydia has been with the bank 18 years. Before that she was with the First National Bank of O'Donnell for 9 years. State National acquired that bank in 2003.

Lydia says it was kind of unusual how she got her banking job. "Actually they came knocking at my door and said they would like for me to come work at the bank," says Lydia, who grew up in O'Donnell. "I thought it was a joke. But I filled out the application and was hired."

Lydia, who is known for her smile and sense of humor said, "I think it was my charm that got me the job."

In high school Lydia was active in band, basketball and tennis. Her parents are Jessie and Yolanda Perez of Big

Spring. Lydia has a son and daughter, Jacob and Victoria Ramos. She also has 4 granddaughters Miarah, Kylee, Raya and Kam and 2 grandsons Nicholas and Ruben. "That's how I spend my spare time," says Lydia. I enjoy my family. It's my hobby I have 3 sisters and a brother."

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Obituaries

Deborah Ann Bohannon

Deborah Ann Bohannon was born in Houston, Texas, on October 2, 1951, to Robert and Ina Stout. She was four minutes older than her twin sister, Jan, and then they were gifted a brother named Jerry a few years later. They relocated to Coahoma, Texas. Ann was very studious and loved playing basketball. She worked at the Cinema and developed a forever love of buttered popcorn. She was saved as a young girl at First Baptist Church of Coahoma. The Lord did a work in her heart and she was forever changed. Ann had a full-ride basketball scholarship, but she fell in love with Leroy Dean Bohannon and her plans quickly changed. She and Dean had twins, Keith and Kyle. The Lord welcomed them home shortly after. They were blessed with Eric Dean and Trey Ross a few years after that.

Ann was a wonderful mother and consummate cook. She prided herself on cooking homemade meals and was good at most everything. She worked at KPMG and then Buckner and Tilley. She loved her work and excelled in all of her tasks. She and Dean were members of the West Texas Off Road Association and served on the Permian Basin Fair Board. Ann loved her time spent with her family including her precious grandkids and one great-granddaughter.

She was such a kind, warm, and wise woman. Ann was a hard worker and always had a reverence for the Lord. She prayed for her loved ones every day. She loved the simple things in life like watching the sunset at the lake or the horses run at the deer lease. She was quick to point out God's bless-

Beverly Thompson

Beverly Thompson, 73, of Coahoma died Thursday, November 25, 2021.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Beverly was born on June 28, 1948, in Big Spring to Mary Lou and Jewell Edens. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Beverly was a homemaker, but also worked for Nurses Unlimited. The love of her life was her grandkids and great-grandkids.

ings and give Him thanks.

Ann was truly one of a kind and one of the most special people we've encountered. She touched everyone that she met and lit up a room with her gracious smile. Ann loved to quilt afghans, do yard work, hunt, and win jackpots at the casinos. She was present at every birthday party, sporting event, and everything else in between for her kids, grandkids, and great-granddaughter.

She will be missed dearly and we look forward to our reception in heaven. Amazing Grace was her favorite song and the lyrics boldly proclaim the truth she lived by.

Deborah Ann Bohannon is survived by her two beloved sons, Eric Dean Bohannon, spouse Tifani, of Midland, Texas, and Trey Ross Bohannon, spouse Allison, of The Woodlands, Texas; four amazing grandbabies, Nick Palacio, Noah Palacio, Kelsey Trela, spouse Jake, and Landon Bohannon; and one precious great-granddaughter, Brynlee Palacio. Deborah Bohannon is also survived by a twin sister, Jan Nichols, spouse Max, of Big Spring, Texas; and a brother, Jerry Stout, spouse Pattie, of Odessa, Texas; as well as many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Deborah Ann Bohannon is preceded in death by her soulmate, Leroy Dean Bohannon; two beautiful twin sons, Keith and Kyle; as well as her parents, Robert and Ina Stout.

Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, December 3, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Beverly is survived by two daughters, Jeanie Thompson of Big Spring and Teresa Grant (Michael) of Big Spring; five grandchildren: Joe Thompson (Vanessa), Brayden Thompson (Averie), Elissa Thompson, Kelsey Grant and Tanner Grant; five great-grandkids: Parker Thompson, Tucker Thompson, Kohlson Thompson, Stetson Thompson and Maverick Park; one brother: Dandy Edens (Laura Coker); and 1 sister: Rhonda Robertson.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents: Mary Lou Edens and Jewell "Son" Edens; and the father of daughters: Randy Thompson.

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

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Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 95 inmates at the time of this report.

•**KALEB MICHAEL COPE**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of probation violation criminal trespass.

•**MITCHELL DEWAYNE DILL**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a public intoxication charge.

•**AUSTIN MICHAEL HENSON**, 23, was arrested by BSPD

on a charge of criminal mischief more than \$100 less than \$750, tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent, possession of controlled substance less than 1g, evading arrest detention x2, possession of controlled substance more than one gram less than 4g, resist arrest search or transportation.

•**KELLY PITTMAN**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, violate promise to appear.

•**JESSICA NICOLE ROSE**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a

charge of violate promise to appear, theft of property less than \$100 x2, failure to appear.

•**FREDRICK RUBIO JR**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of firearm smuggling 3 or more firearm, burglary of habitation.

•**JOHNATHAN BLAKE SMITH**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of false drug test falsification device.

•**ZAKKERY WAYNE TURNER**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of failure to appear, driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

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

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Joshua. No transport was required.

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

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Ave. 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 1900 block of Simler Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of CR 31 and FM 669. Two people were 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 400 block of NW 9th St. No transport was required.

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Corky Mitchell

Corky Mitchell, 48, of Coahoma, passed away Monday, November 22. A visitation will begin at 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Corky Jayce Mitchell was born on September 13, 1973, in Big Spring, Texas. He graduated as salutatorian from Coahoma High School in 1992. Corky received his B.A. from Texas Tech University in 1996. Later, establishing his company, CJM Group, Inc. In 2016, he received his MBA from the Texas Tech University Rawls Business College, and had just completed his Ph.D. in Business Administration from the Rawls Business College. His expertise ranged from marketing communications, advertising, social media, branding, public relations and consumer behavior. Corky was a beloved professor and research contributor for the Rawls Business College for the last two years and looked forward to applying his 20 years of industry experience as a college professor. Everyone who knew Corky knew that he was extremely kind, loving, generous, gentle and peaceful person, and that he loved his family and friends fiercely.

Corky is survived by his husband and life-love, Tyler Garcia of Lubbock, Texas; parents Patty and Jerry Mitchell of Coahoma; mother and father-in-law Shelley and Gerald Garcia of Albany; sister Melinda Mitchell-Smith and wife Karen McGinnes of Coppel; sister Jerriann Mitchell Malone and husband Benjamin Malone of Coahoma; his 'Little Genius', Canyon Daniels of San Antonio; chosen brother Jacob McCain and wife Devin McCain of Lubbock; brother-in-law Austin Garcia of Dallas and Brady Garcia of Albany; nephews Cash Mitchell, Lincoln McCain and Andy Garcia; nieces Gracen Malone, Hadleigh Malone and Rein Garcia; grandmother Annie Ward of Coahoma and grandfather Edwin Ditto of Kermit and many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins.

Corky is preceded in death by biological father David Smith, half-brother Jeremy Smith, maternal grandfather James Ward, paternal grandmother Barbara Ditto, paternal grandparents Myrle and JC Mitchell and his aunt, Reva Daniels.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Corky Jayce Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please contact the family for more information.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

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Police blotter

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- JESSICA NICOLE ROSE**, 31, of 100 Collins Rd was arrested on a charge of theft of property less than \$100 shoplifting, fail to appear. The
- ZAKKERY WAYNE TURNER**, 32, of 3811 Old Colorado City Hwy was arrested on a charge of fail to appear, driving while license invalid.
- JOHNATHAN BLAKE SMITH**, 24, of 2003 N Monticello St was arrested on a charge of false drug test falsification device.
- AUSTIN MICHAEL HENSON**, 23, of 1013 Wood St was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief more than \$100 less than \$750, evading arrest/detention x2, tampering/fabricating physical evidence, possession of controlled substance less than 1g, resist arrest search or transport, possession of controlled substance more than 1g less than 4g.

- KALEB MICHAEL COPE**, 23, of 103 Collins Rd was arrested on a charge of warrant form another agency.
- MICHAEL DWAYNE GILL**, 46, of 2613 Neill Rd, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT** was reported in the 3200 block of AV C.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 800 S Owens St.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of E 16th.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 2100 block of Nolan St.
- THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of W I20.
- THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of Owens St.
- THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

- FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg St.
- THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of E 16th St.
- ASSAULT** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1000 block of Wood St.
- ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of 3rd and Scurry.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 2000 block of S Monticello St.
- ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of E 12th St.

TRAVEL

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financial services firm Cowen. "We expect the same pattern" this time.

Israel's decision to close the country to foreign visitors is hitting the nation's tourism industry as it geared up for the Hanukkah and Christmas holidays. The country only opened to tourists in November, after barring most foreign visitors since early last year.

Just over 30,000 tourists entered Israel in the first half of November, compared to 421,000 in November 2019, according to government figures.

Joel Haber, a Jerusalem-based guide, said during a typical Hanukkah holiday his calendar would be chock full of food tours through Jerusalem's colorful Mahane Yehuda market. Instead, he has just one tour a day.

"Tour operators like me are the first to get hit and the last to emerge and are directly prevented from working by a government decision," Haber said.

In the West Bank city of Bethlehem, revered by Christians as Jesus' birthplace, local businesses expected a boost from Christmas tourism. The Bethlehem Hotel, one of the largest in the city, has operated at a fraction of capacity for the past 18 months.

"Everyone who had bookings over the next two weeks has canceled, while others are waiting to see what happens next," said the hotel's manager, Michael Mufdi. "I don't know how much longer we can last, but we are doing our best."

The pandemic already caused foreign tourism in Japan to shrink from 32 million visitors in 2019 to 4 million last year, a trend that has continued through this year.

As worries surfaced about omicron, Japan on Wednesday tightened its ban on foreign travelers, asking airlines to stop taking new reservations for all flights arriving in the country until the end of December. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has pushed for avoiding "the worst-case scenario" and reversed a relaxation of

travel restrictions that had been in effect just three weeks.

The crowds of Chinese shoppers who used to arrive in Tokyo's glitzy Ginza district in a stream of buses to snap up luxury items have long disappeared. Restaurants and bars have been forced to restrict hours.

In Asakusa, a quaint part of town filled with souvenir shops, rickshaw drivers, and stalls selling traditional sweets, news of the omicron variant made little difference this week. Vendors say there hasn't been any business for months except for a few local customers.

Boat charter operator Tokyo Water Taxi started on the city's waterfront in 2015, when hopes were high for cashing in on the booming tourism trade. With the variant pushing the return of foreign visitors far into the future, the company is trying to look on the bright side.

"It's growing popular with Tokyo residents, who have lost other ways to entertain themselves," said company spokeswoman Yuha Inoue.

In Europe, Alpine ski resorts worry about how to keep up with requirements such as ensuring all skiers are vaccinated or recovered from infection and have tested negative for the virus.

Matthias Stauch, head of the German ski lift operators association VDS, said many are small family businesses that lack the staff to perform such checks. Meanwhile, the association is warning about "massive" economic damage to the tourism sector if there is another lockdown.

Travel executives argue that government decisions about restrictions should wait until more is known about omicron, but they admit it's a difficult call.

"If you wait, by the time you have all the data it's probably too late to stop community spread because (the virus) is already here," said Robert Jordan, the incoming CEO at Southwest Airlines. "If you jump ahead, you run the risk of the measures being more impactful than the actual cases."

About a month ago, Javier Barragan and his husband booked a visit to Paris for later this month. When news of omicron hit, they were concerned but decided to go ahead with the trip.

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age road connectivity and continuity, funding and financing mechanisms and strategies, and compatibility with adjacent uses and future growth trends.

The website says that "TxDOT will work with local government officials, organizations, community members and experts to identify future improvements, perform analyses, collect data and create a corridor development strategy."

Timelines given for the study include a corridor evaluation and private sector interviews, which occurred earlier in 2021, the public survey, and identification of potential improvements to the I-20 corridor at the end of the year. A 2022 timeline includes a private-sector input workshop, a workshop on implementation of proposed improvements and priorities, a period for public comment, a review of the proposed prioritized implementation plan, and a set completion date of project

documentation toward the end of 2022. The survey can be accessed at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/statewide/i20-corridor-study.html.

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She likes working at State National.

"I enjoy people, interacting with them. I try to be positive all the time and brighten up the customer's day with a smile and words of encouragement. I enjoy my co-workers and we work together as a team. Here in O'donnell it helps because we're a small staff. We wear several hats. Sometimes I'm a teller, sometimes a bookkeeper. Then if I'm needed at another branch in Big Spring or Lamesa, I'll go there to help out."

When she was named Employee of the Year Lydia said she was nervous and emotional. "I was excited and surprised and just grateful."



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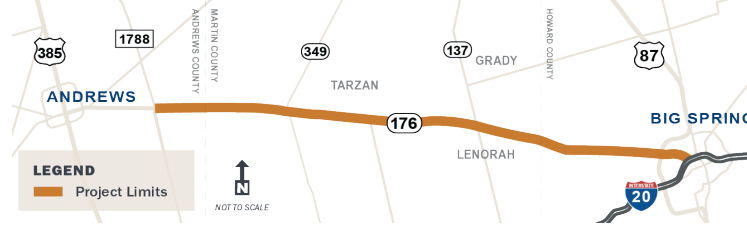
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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at 5 p.m.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is proposing to widen SH 176 East from FM 1788 in Andrews County to I-20 in Howard County, Texas. TxDOT is conducting engineering and environmental studies to widen the existing two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided highway, providing the infrastructure needed to support the growing transportation demand.



The virtual public meeting will be available beginning at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 and will consist of a self-guided virtual meeting room with both audio and visual components. To log on, scan the QR code with your phone or go to: www.txdot.gov, keyword search, "SH 176 East."

The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate in the virtual public meeting, please contact the project team at (432) 235-0106 no later than 4 p.m. CT, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange. If you do not have internet access or have general questions regarding the proposed project or virtual meeting, please contact the project team at (432) 235-0106.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by any of the methods listed below. **All comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, Dec. 17, 2021.**

- Mail: SH 176 East Project Team, PO Box 5459, Austin, TX 78763
- Email: SH176East@cdandp.com
- Online Comment Form within virtual public meeting



The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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Beverly Thompson, 73, died Thursday. Memorial Service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Myers & Smith Chapel.

Amy Winn Choate, 64, died Wednesday. Graveside service will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park following a private service at First United Methodist Church in Coahoma.

Yolanda "Yoli" Rios, 64, died Saturday. Funeral service will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Linda Hill, 78, died Saturday. Funeral Service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Big Spring basketball teams in action last night Lady Steers get a win, the Boys drop a close one



Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton took the boys basketball photos
Top Left: Gavin Greathouse drives to the lane and gets fouled against the Greenwood Rangers for a three-point attempt. The Steers battled hard all game long, down by 15 at one point, but ultimately lost this game 65-58 to move their record to 2-2 on the season. Top Left Coach Tuttle and his lady Steers take the post-game selfie after a win over Midland Christian. The success makes the Lady Steers 4-2 on this young season.

Báez to Detroit, MLB teams race to finish biz before lockout

By JAKE SEINER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Javier Báez agreed to bring his high motor to the Motor City, while other teams around the majors raced to finish up business before Tuesday's deadline to tender contracts and a likely roster freeze coming when baseball's collective bargaining agreement expires Wednesday.

AL Cy Young Award winner Robbie Ray finalized a five-year deal with Seattle, and clubs agreed to more than 30 one-year contracts with players — many to avoid salary arbitration.

Meanwhile, 41 players were not tendered contracts and became free agents, including fan-favorite Brewers slugger Dan Vogelbach and Mets pitcher Robert Gsellman. The deadline for teams to offer contracts to players with less than six years of major league service was 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The biggest deal of the day went to Báez, a free agent infielder who agreed to a \$140 million, six-year contract with Detroit, giving the Tigers a dynamic bat for the middle of their order.

Ray got \$115 million from the Mariners after going 13-7 with a 2.84 ERA and a major league-high 248 strikeouts in 193 1/3 innings for Toronto last season.

The Chicago White Sox fortified their bullpen by signing right-hander Kendall Graveman to a \$24 million, three-year deal, and Miami completed a \$56 million, five-year contract to keep right-hander Sandy Alcantara in the rotation for years to come. The Marlins also acquired All-Star infielder Joey Wendle from the Tampa Bay Rays for a minor league outfielder.

The flurry pushed spending in recent days to more than \$1.6 billion before what likely will be Major League Baseball's first work stoppage since 1995. The five-year collective bargaining agreement expires at 11:59 p.m. EST Wednesday, and owners are expected to lock out the players if the sides can't reach a new labor deal in time.

"The last few weeks have been as active of a November as we've ever experienced," Rays president of baseball operations Erik Neander said. "It's been a lot of fun. My personal opinion is that we don't need three, four months of winter to drag it out to figure

out what we need to do.

"The CBA that is expiring, that uncertainty is something that I think is fair to say contributed to a lot of the activity we've seen across the game the last few weeks. I think actually it's been great for the game to see that much activity in the early going here."

Báez, who turns 29 on Wednesday, hit .265 with 31 homers and 87 RBIs in 138 games with the Cubs and Mets this season. The move to Detroit likely puts him back at shortstop after he finished the year at second base while playing alongside good friend Francisco Lindor in New York.

The contract is pending a physical, according to a person with direct knowledge of the situation who spoke Tuesday to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been finalized.

The Mets completed a \$78 million, four-year deal with center fielder Starling Marte and a \$26.5 million, two-year deal with outfielder Mark Canha that includes a club option for 2024.

The Giants agreed with right-hander Alex Cobb on a \$20 million, two-year contract with a \$10 million club option for 2024 that includes a \$2 million buyout.

Houston signed reliever Héctor Neris to a \$17 million, two-year deal with an option for 2024, and reliever Daniel Hudson joined the Los Angeles Dodgers on a one-year contract.

The Pittsburgh Pirates agreed with free agent catcher Roberto Pérez on a \$5 million, one-year deal, replacing Gold Glove catcher Jacob Stallings a day after Stallings joined him to Miami. The Cubs also added a backstop, agreeing with Yan Gomes on a \$13 million, two-year deal. Both contracts were confirmed by people to the AP on condition of anonymity because they had not been announced.

The Los Angeles Angels agreed on a \$6.75 million, one-year deal with right-hander Michael Lorenzen, who also played outfield for Cincinnati in recent seasons. He could give LA a second two-way player alongside Shohei Ohtani.

Tampa Bay signed lefty reliever Brooks Raley to a \$10 million, two-year deal with a club option for 2024.

Washington agreed with free agent infielder César Hernández on a \$4 million, one-year deal.

More than 30 players agreed to contracts in the hours before the deadline for teams to offer deals to unsigned players on their 40-man rosters.

Atlanta shortstop Orlando Arcia was the only player to get a multiyear deal, a \$3 million, two-year contract. He gets \$1.6 million next season and \$1.3 million in 2023, and the Braves have a \$2 million option for 2024 with a \$100,000 buyout.

Braves outfielder Guillermo Heredia agreed to a \$1 million, one-year deal.

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Requested change: Initial zoning of newly annexed property to Planned District Overlay.

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Public Auction Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code. Big Spring Lock Storage, located at 3301 E FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720, will hold an online auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale date is Friday, December 17, 2021 at 10am. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. All items are sold as is, no warranty. All announcements made on sale day super-cede any written. Seller reserves the right not to accept any bid, and to withdraw any property from sale. Property from each unit may be sold by space only!

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Kristie Nicole Garza - H183 - Couch/loveseat, queen size mattress w/frame, table 2 chairs, boxes

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#11134

Application is being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer Retail Dealer's Off Premise License by Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Dollar General Store #22021 located at 3500 W HWY 80, Big Spring,

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0332472 Status/Permit No. 873919 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 29, 2021 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 20, 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

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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 400.0 F SOUTH L 539.0 F WEST L

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BH County: HOWARD Section: 48 Block: 27 Abstract: 1510 Survey: H&TC RR CO / WILLIAMS, J D

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5 :AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Hidden Restaura	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Cleaning! Paid Prg.	NCIS: Los Angeles	Jeremiah Joyce M.	North Wood Law
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7 :AM	Good Morning America		Fox 24 News AM	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of Southwest	Let's Go Luna	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce	George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter	Stars	Law & Order: SVU	Parking	North Wood Law
8 :AM			FamFeud				Light of Southwest	Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Jerry	George	Charmed		SportsCenter	Tennis Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Parking	North Wood Law
9 :AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Rico Cor Our Mess	Wild Kratts-Creature	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos Show	Broke Girl	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up		Law & Order: SVU	Parking	North Wood Law
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11 :AM	Jeopardy! News	Noticiero Nosotr.	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Shepherd's Heart	Nature Cat	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supernatural	SportsCenter	First Take	NHL Hockey: Hurricanes at Stars	Law & Order: SVU	Court	North Wood Law
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1 :PM	General Hospital	Amor eterno	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Eye on Israel	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supernatural	This Just In	SportsCenter	Golf Life Breaking	Law & Order: SVU	Court	North Wood Law
2 :PM	Rachael Ray	La madrastra	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelta la sopa	Blast	Israel	Pink	Monk	Relative	Friends		NBA Today	This Just In	Ninja Warrior	Law & Order: SVU	Court	North Wood Law
3 :PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends		NFL Live	Jalen Football	Ninja Warrior	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
4 :PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7 News	En casa con	News	Ignite	Almas	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Sheldon		Around Pardon	NFL Live	Golf Inside	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
5 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News	The Gath	Molly King	King	Nick Cannon	Big Bang		SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Life	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
6 :PM	Wheel	¿Qué le pasa a	Sheldon	CBS 7	Por amor o por dinero (SS)	News	Israel	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang		(15) College Basketball: Teams TBA.	(15) College Basketball: Teams TBA.	Mavericks Mavs Pre.	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
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9 :PM	Million Little	La de-salmada	FOX 24 News at 9	CSI: Vegas	Malverde: el santo	Kelly Clarkson	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike	News	Full		NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Edmonton Oilers.			Inside	(01) Killer Cases	
10 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20 at 10P (SS)	News	News	Pink	Friends	Burgers	Full		SportsCenter	WVan Pelt	(15) Baseball Tonight	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Master Distiller
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12 :AM	Nightline	Extra	Mom	James Corden	Sin Senos Si	Seth Meyers	Issues4	Holly	Minute	Creek	George		SportsCenter		Around	NBA	(16) The Sinner	Court
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 ♦ Q J 7 5
 ♣ A 6 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 10 8 3
 ♥ A K 5
 ♦ K 8 6 2
 ♣ 7

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ 2♣ 2♠ 3♣
 4♠

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Some plays that are regarded as abnormal may become normal when they're made in circumstances where standard procedure won't work. Take this case where South made a seemingly hopeless contract by deviating from the norm.

West led the queen of clubs against four spades, and declarer saw at once that his chances of making the contract were decidedly poor. The opening lead indicated that East had the ace of clubs, which in turn meant that West, who had overcalled on the two-level,

had to hold the ace of diamonds.

But South found a way to make his game despite the unfavorable location of the two missing aces. He ducked the queen of clubs and ruffed the ten when West continued the suit. Recognizing that it was pointless to cross to dummy with a trump to a diamond to the king, he instead led a low diamond from his hand at trick three!

This play certainly violated the standard practice of leading toward strength instead of weakness. But South was well aware that he had to take unusual steps to have any chance for the contract. After West played the nine of diamonds, dummy's ten lost to East's jack. East returned the nine of hearts, won by South with the ace.

Declarer now made his second good play when he led the six of diamonds, forcing West to win with the ace. West then exited with a club, ruffed by South.

Declarer next played three rounds of trump, ending in dummy, and returned a diamond, finessing the eight after East followed low. South then discarded a heart from dummy on his king of diamonds and so made four spades.

Note that declarer could not have made two diamond tricks had he initiated the suit by first leading low from dummy.

Tomorrow: First things first.
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Annie's Mailbox

Unanswered Prayers

Dear Annie: This letter is addressed to all those who think back on a first love and believe their feelings are undiminished.

I did that and had the ability to discreetly check back on that love. I found that he had told his wife he was glad he married her because he never could have married an independent woman, which is what I am. I also found out that he had spent the last several years of his life in a facility as an Alzheimer's patient.

There's a country song with the lyrics "thank God for unanswered prayers." I certainly did. Sometimes, the past shouldn't become the present. -- I'm Thankful

Dear Thankful: Yes, living in the past or fantasizing about what might have been with a love from our youth seems to be a part of human nature, but it can be a dangerous

part if taken to extremes. As you discovered, you were right to let it go.

Dear Annie: I've never written to an advice column, but I read them often. I am writing now because one letter spoke to me so loudly. It was from the woman whose husband was not listening when she talked to him.

My husband and I are under 40, and this has been my problem. There is no physical hearing loss issue with him, but my husband is finally exploring getting tested for attention deficit disorder. He doesn't listen to me, and I have to repeat things constantly. Sometimes, he repeats exactly what I just said as if it were a brand-new thought.

He says "OK" and "mm hmm" as if he is listening, but I know that his entire brain just wandered away.

It only happens when he's talking with me, and not at work or with friends. There have

been many fights. It is a constant topic at therapy as it reaches the point where it feels like gaslighting, when he claims I'm lying about having said something three times already.

I hope your reader will consider seeing a therapist to convey how this makes her feel. She may be at an age where she doesn't want to explore the ADD side, but guided therapy can help. -- Selective Hearing

Dear Selective: ADD can certainly be a cause of a person not being able to focus on what the other is saying. Thank you for sharing your experience.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Ready to Die" has me in tears. As a mom of a bipolar child, I just want to give him/her a hug, some soup and a good lawyer. Is there a way we readers can help them? -- Want to Help

Dear Want to Help: Your letter alone will do something to help all of those who are suffering know that they are not alone.

Continue helping your son or daughter, and maybe start a group for moms of children with bipolar disorder and reach out to others suffering in similar situations.

Dear Readers: As the holidays are here and approaching, let's all be kinder to each other and take better care of one another. With the pandemic, it has been a very difficult almost two years for lots of people. Smile more; be more generous with your love and forgiveness.

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