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Weather



Wednesday Night: chance of snow and sleet before 9 p.m., then snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 14. Wind chill values as low as 1. Northeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow before noon. Mostly cloudy and cold, with a high near 24. North wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 10. **Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 33.

Source: weather.gov

Dealing with the winter weather City of Big Spring and AAA offer tips for coping with

ice, snow and cold temperatures

By ROGER CLINE

Herald Staff Writer

It's official: We're getting some cold, wintery weather the next few days, including a good chance of snow, sleet, and freezing rain.

The *Herald* reported on the incoming winter storm in Tuesday's edition, then during the day Tuesday, Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason released a Public Service Announcement discussing the weather and tips for dealing with the hazardous conditions. Also, AAA emailed the *Herald* a set of tips for winter driving.

"According to the National Weather Service in Midland, an arctic front will bring much colder air into the region Wednesday evening with negative wind chills Thursday and Friday morning," Mayor Thomason announced in his statement. "There is a chance for wintry precipitation including snow, freez-potential for black ice to develop on uning drizzle, and sleet across the region beginning Wednesday afternoon before a transition to mostly snow Thursday morning. Below normal temperatures are expected Wednesday through the weekend, with potential for an extended period of below freezing temperatures.

"This type of weather pattern can create treacherous conditions for motorists. If you must travel, be prepared for snow-covered and slippery roads, along with strong winds and limited visibility which make driving conditions difficult. Use caution while driving when approaching intersections and off ramps, especially bridges and overpasses. Remember to reduce speed and increase following distance between vehicles. Allow ample time to reach your destination, allow extra space between vehicles, and keep vehicle headlights on to increase visibility. Be aware of the treated surfaces. As always, it's best to stay off the roads, if possible."

The mayor went on to remind residents to protect their pets, pipes, plants, and people.

"Bring your pets and plants indoors. To help prevent freezing water lines, cover any outdoor, exposed pipes, and disconnect all outside hoses," he said. "Inside the home, cover pipes located in cold, drafty places and leave inside faucets dripping overnight. Now is the time to prepare for the inclement weather. Please be safe and stay warm!"

Triple-A's press release urged those who need to drive during the wintery conditions to make sure theyr'e prepared for the conditions.

"Winter weather, including snow, ice and sub-freezing temperatures could

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COVID-19

in Howard County: Feb, 1, 2022

Confirmed Cases: 2,583 Probable Cases: 2,758 Fatalities: 160 Source: dshs.texas.gov

Daily Quotes

"There is no way that this

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and

"The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights cannot claim to be defenders

- Ayn Rand

winter is ever going to end as long as this groundhog keeps seeing his shadow. I don't see any other way out. He's got to be stopped. And I have to stop

 Bill Murray as Phil Connors, Groundhog Day

silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." — George Washington

of minorities."

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Junior High students excel in VFW writing contest Special to the Herald

Each year, the Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) sponsors an essay writing contest called Patriot's Pen. Big Spring Junior High, under the leadership of Coach Taabitha Barbee, has made a habit of having their seventh-grade students complete the essay annually as a good practice in patriotism and an exercise in writing

This year's Patriot's Pen topic was "How Can I Be a Good American?"

The deadline for the contest was at the end of this past October. At the local level, two BSJHS students took first and second. First place went to seventh grader Nathan Gibson, and second place went to seventh grader Jacqueline Van Blarcom. "We are extremely proud of both of these students!"

said BSJHS Principal Rebecca Otto. "Both papers then advanced to District (where they were to compete against 15 other counties). Results from that contest should follow soon. Congratulations to Nathan and Jacqueline for their patriotic papers and excellent writing."

Good job, Junior High Steers!





Courtesy photo Shown on the front row, seventh-graders Jacqueline Var Blarcom and Nathan Gibson display their Patriot's Per Awards. Standing with the winners are VFW members Steve Turner, David Leonard and Moses Tijerina

You Can Get There From Steer

Sloan Diaz: BSHS Class of 2005

Special to the Herald

Operating Systems Development Lead - Sloan Diaz, BSHS Class of 2005.

Sloan graduated from Big Spring High School in 2005. Part of a military family, Sloan did not attend Big Spring schools until half-way through his 8th grade year when his family moved into a home on Reed Road, and he enrolled at Big Spring Junior High. Sloan is now living in Houston with his wife, Kendra, and their two children. He was kind enough to answer a few questions for the benefit of younger Steers.

Which teacher had the greatest impact on your life and learning?

There were and still are so many great teachers in the Big Spring School District. Looking back there were a few teachers that really supported and encouraged me to succeed at what I was doing. The teacher that made the biggest impact on my life was George Ban-

What can you tell us about that relationship? I can tell you that what he taught me



Sloan Diaz

has followed me through life so far. It was a lesson that as a 15 year old I really had no idea what it meant. He taught me what it meant to be accountable. I was enjoying my time in high school and at the end of the year when it was time to look at my report card I realized that he had given me a failing grade. It was at that moment that I realized he had not given me anything, I earned that grade through failing to follow through with my responsibilities. It was years later that I realized the importance of that semester and understood that it was the best thing that could have happened to me. Our actions have consequences, whether good or bad we have to truly own each outcome.

Reflecting on your days as a Big Spring ISD student, what is one of your favorite memories?

As one of the head photographers for journalism I attended numerous school events. At each of those events I distinctly remember how everyone interacted with each other. They weren't just teammates or other students, they were family, they were Steers. Seeing people with a diverse background come together for one goal was amazing and being able to capture that on film was unbelievable.

What do you consider to be your greatest professional and/or personal accomplishment(s) to date?

I have seen the sunrise in Japan and sunsets over the Golden Coast. If you were to spin a globe and plant your

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Jessie Clyde McMahon Jr,



The heavens just got a little rowdier as Jessie Clyde McMahon Jr, or otherwise known out

here in West Texas, as Jr., Clydie or Sweetie, crossed over to the other side on January 28,

2022. It seems very fitting that his sons, Craig and Cavan, were notified that their dad had

made a downward turn while they were sitting at a Blackjack table out in Las Vegas "breaking even" as they say.

A lifetime resident of Big Spring, Jessie Clyde McMahon Jr., 84 was born on December 5,

1937. He was preceded in death by a brother Harold Cecil McMahon, his parents Bonnie Lee & Jessie Clyde McMahon, Sr. and wife Beverly Ann McMahon.

Clyde attended Big Spring Schools and after graduation he went on to receive his Bachelor of Business Administration from University of Texas at Austin in June of 1961. He then moved back to Big Spring and eventually spent most of his time as President of Clyde McMahon

Concrete Company or sneaking off to Martha's Hideaway

Clyde married Carol Ann Letcher in the 60's and the stories of their marriage consisted of late nights at the Tiki Room at the Big Spring County Club with Jerry Spence, Rendall Hamby, Jim Mathews, followed by even later nights at their house, next to Verna and Don, on Marcy

Street dancing the night away! Fundraisers and galas and everything in-between kept the young couple busy. Two sons, Craig Stephen

young couple busy. Two sons, Craig Stephen and Jay Cavan were created out of this union and in the end, the one thing that could agree on, Clyde and Carol knew the boys were their finest achievements.

Clyde later married Beverly Ann Franklin, master of the house and keeper of the zoo, and they took frequent trips to old Mexico with Bev's sisters and the Cole's, Ruidoso hanging with

Kathy, and to some beach somewhere or wherever the wind might blow. He had a love for flying and would jump in the Bonanza V-tail head to the nearest border. Travel was a pass

time they both enjoyed where they met no stranger. The party continued up until Beverly's passing in 2015, and it was only then that the lights began too dim.

Weekly lunches at the Spanish Inn with Jimmy Taylor, Lefty Reynolds, and Jim Parks,

discussing the latest town scandal, or devising a new economic ploy to better the community

of Big Spring were not to be missed. And an occasional pop-in to the Methodist Church, back row, to drop off a check for future insurance was good business. Happy hours with Ricky,

Terry, Max and whoever could keep up, like Stacy Barr and Elrod-Hobbs, was always a given. And of course, the wives were there too but we wouldn't want to call them out in public.

Keenly aware of the needs of his community, Clyde had the know-how to get things done. He served as President of the Chamber of Com-

Obituaries

merce, was instrumental in the revitalization of the Dora Robert Community Center, served on the First National Bank Board of Directors, was active on the Moore Development Board, just to name a few. He was honored as the Man of

the Year in 1990 for his countless hours of volunteer service on various civic and community duties.

And Clyde had a posse like no other; even a dog was named after him affectionally by Jessica

Lezlee Hamby blah blah, at the ripe age of 12, "I'm gonna name my dog, CLYDE JR!" His love was broad and wide, as he had friends of all ages. And what Grandad invites his 21 yr. old granddaughter to Ruidoso for a weekend to gamble at the Truck Stop and a big steak dinner at the Texas Club? Clyde does. J

He was overly proud of his sons, their families, and their accomplishments. Craig and Molly, and their children Ryan, Rachel and Hannah of San Antonio; Cavan and Donna and their children Carly John and Kate Jewel of Freder-

icksburg. Carly & Kate established a lifetime and heartfelt relationship with Clyde. They shared lots of laughter and loved their "Papa Clyde" or "Old Man" always making him try new things

like, Hibachi Express, which he proclaimed, "I HATE IT"!

Clyde leaves behind many wonderful lifelong friends, especially named Honorable Pallbearers: Ricky Hamby, Lanny Hamby, Lo-

rin McDowell, III, Jimmy Taylor, Jim Parks, Roger Brown, Terry McDaniel, Bob Moore, and Max

Moore. Pallbearers include Dale Brown, Lorin "Mac" McDowell, IV., Doug Horton, Pate Den-

ton, Alex Childress, Nick Williams and Garry Spence. The family would especially like to thank the entire staff at Parkview Nursing Home, Home

Hospice of Big Spring, Dr. Manish Shroff, MD, and Scenic Mountain Medical for all their compassion and care, the continuous delicious homemade meals, hot off the stove, from

Debbie Hamby's kitchen, and neighbor Gerald Carroll. And who could have a better neighbor than Larry Knight, keeping that mane tame! Obviously, there are many friends that were not called out, but it would probably take up the entire Big Spring Herald to name them all.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you continue with your good works and support your causes, and when you think of Clyde; remember he lived a big life and each of you were an important

and instrumental part of it!

Another porch light was turned off in Big
Spring, Texas last Friday night. Clyde McMahon,

was a bright spot in this town, and he will be missed. We hope the stories about his life will continue to flicker.

Graveside service will be held at Trinity Memorial Park at 2:30pm on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Allen Parrish

Allen Parrish, 73, died Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Whetsel

Jacqueline "Jackie" Whetsel, 78, died Sunday, January 30, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Colonel Harry Alvin Spannaus



Colonel Harry Alvin Spannaus was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota on September 1, 1930. He was an avid high school athlete having lettered in football, basketball, track, hockey, golf, and participated in Golden Gloves boxing. He attended the University of Minnesota and earned a sports letter in diving. Spannaus held a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a military companion

rable Master's Degree in Military Science and was an outstanding graduate of the Air Force War College.

Colonel Spannaus took his military flying training as an USAF Aviation Cadet. He graduated in the top of his class from flying school and was sent to fighter gunnery training to prepare for a combat tour in Korea. Following his Korean assignment he spent the next 25 years in 22 different locations, both overseas and stateside. On January 1, 1978, having earned the rank of Colonel, he retired from the Air Force after serving for over 26 years.

Colonel Spannaus held 37 military decorations for heroic flight and distinguished service including two Legion of Merits, three distinguished flying crosses, one with valor, the Bronze Star with valor, 16 Air Medals, and the Army and Air Force Commendation medals, as well as the Top Gun award. During the Korean and Vietnam wars he flew 239 jet fighter combat missions. Spannaus had accumulated over 12,000 hours of flying time in military fighters and corporate aircraft. In 2001, he was presented with the highest award bestowed by the National Association of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the DAR Medal of Honor.

Following his retirement and his tour of duty as Wing Commander of the 78th Flying Training Wing at Webb AFB, Colonel Spannaus worked with the city of Big Spring to assist in the conversion of the closed Webb Air Force Base into a municipal airport and an industrial airpark. After a brief employment in Dallas, he moved to Midland in 1981, accepting the position of aviation department manager for Hilliard Oil and Gas. In 1985, Colonel Spannaus became Executive Vice President for the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, a position he held for 10 years before becoming manager of corporate services for Pioneer Natural Resources. After a brief retirement, he worked several years for Discovery Operating Inc. in Midland.

As a strong proponent of civic involvement, Colonel Spannaus served in numerous capacities on numerous boards: the Permian Basin International Oil Show, the Midland Downtown Lions Club, the CAF as a life member, the Airport Advisory Board, and Elder at First Presbyterian Church, He also volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, MS Society, the Midland County District Attorney's office, Midland Need to Read, and the Petroleum Museum. He served as director of the Big Spring Hanger 25 Air Museum, and was a founding member of the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM and a life member of the NRA. Spannaus was honored by the CAF in tribute to and dedication of the CAF Vietnam Veteran Airmen's aircraft display, which he helped organize, design, and raise funds.

Colonel Spannaus was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, of 41 years in 1994. He is survived by his daughters, Terri Dunn (Tim), Kathi Prescott (Glenn), and one son, Mark Spannaus (Jill). He has 10 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

The family will receive guests from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 4, 2022 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Services will be at First Presbyterian Church of Midland on February 5th at 3 PM. Pallbearers are his 5 grandsons as well as a military honor guard from Goodfellow AFB. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to the Mary Spannaus Medical Education Memorial Fund of the PBAF, First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Hospice of Midland or Manor Park.

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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ton's head is exposed, the tread depth is less than 4/32" and it's time to replace your tires. Also, check

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impact parts of North and Central Texas later this week, according to the National Weather Service. AAA Texas reminds drivers to make sure their vehicles are ready to hit the snowy streets, should they need to travel. Preventive maintenance is essential for safe driving and greatly decreases the chances of being stranded in the cold. However, if you do break down in the cold you will definitely want to have a winter emergency kit, which approximately 40 percent of American drivers told AAA they do not carry.

"Before the winter blast arrives, it's essential that drivers make sure they have a fully stocked emergency kit equipped for winter weather. The kit should include the following:

- Traction aids (sand, salt, non-clumping cat litter or traction mats)
- Shovel
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Jumper cables or jump pack
- Basic toolkit (screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench, duct tape, plastic zip ties)
- Tarp, raincoat and gloves to help stay clean/dry if you must get out of the vehicle Rags, paper towels or pre-moistened wipes
- Warning devices (flares, reflective triangles or LED beacons)
- First-aid kit (check expiration date)
- Drinking water (plus a safe way to thaw it if it

- Snacks/food for your passengers and any pets
- Ice scraper
- Snow brush
- Winter windshield washer solvent
- · Warm gloves, clothes, hats and blankets for all passengers in your car
- Car charger for mobile phone In addition to an emergency kit, drivers should

do the following to protect their vehicle from damage that can occur in winter: Wash and wax your vehicle to prevent rust dam-

- age. Throughout the winter, frequently wash your vehicle, paying particular attention to the undercarriage. This will loosen, dissolve and neutralize de-icing solutions. Always use a high-quality car wash solution, not a household dish detergent that will strip the wax from your vehicle. Check your windshield wipers and washers.
- Wiper blades should completely clear rain or snow from your windshield with each swipe. Replace blades that leave streaks or miss spots. For the winter months, purchase one-piece beam-type or rubber-clad winter blades to fight snow and ice buildup. In cold climates, be sure to fill the windshield washer reservoir with a cleaning solution that will not freeze when the temperatures drop.
- Inspect tires to ensure drivability on winter roads. Make sure tires have adequate tread depth – at least 4/32" – as worn tires can affect a driver's ability to stop in slick conditions. An easy way to check for wear is by inserting an upside down quarter into your tread groove. If the top of Washing-

that your car has a spare tire and keep it properly inflated in case you need it.

 Make sure your battery and charging system are up to par. A fully charged battery in good condition is required to start an engine in cold weather. Have your battery and charging system checked for optimum performance - particularly if your battery is more than three years old. Also, clean any corrosion from battery posts and cable connections; wipe away dirt and oil deposits on the case and make sure all hardware is secure.

Additional Winter Driving Safety Tips from AAA

- Use your seatbelt every time you get in the ve-Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area,
- such as a garage. In fact, modern vehicles do not require idle time prior to driving. Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with
- snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running.
- · Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.

In addition, if you're stranded on the road or need help at home, contact the Big Spring Police Department at 432-264-2550 or the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 432-264-2231.

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finger on it there is a good chance that I have been in the area. Even after traveling around the world, an accomplishment that I am proud of happens to not be my own, but that of others that I have mentored. I was presented the opportunity to mentor high school students from economically distressed communities in Houston. The goal of this mentorship is to inspire young adults to dream big and reach their potential and prepare them to succeed in a global economy. Year after year these young adults have done outstanding work in creating and maintaining successful award winning businesses and making an impact in their community. Some of them have gone on to be the next gen

eration of young leaders in their respective fields.

Professional honors

I have received numerous professional achievement awards for various items across the different roles that I have held throughout my career. Honors during BSISD enrollment:

I managed to get on the A B honor roll a few times and lettered in Journal-

What advice do you have for today's students at Big Spring High School?

Don't be afraid to go after what you want in life but have a plan and stick to it. It's ok to fail; failure is essential to learning. What you do after you fail will show you who you are as a person. When you get pushed will you stay down or will you get back up and keep moving forward?

Take Note

ing 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Feb. 19 winter concert entitled "Thank you, Maestro John," celebrating the career and retirement of frequent BSSO Guest Conductor Maestro John Giordano, to be held at Big Spring High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.; and Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, on at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrat-

• The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be February 10 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At the event, the annual Five under 55 Awards, the Russ McEwen Community Award and the 2021 Man and Woman of the Year will be announced. For sponsorship information, call 263-7641.

Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or

go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

- · Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. https://www.facebook.com/ healthynuggetsofgold44.
- New Life senior/mature adult dances are held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. For more information call 517-9097.
- The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance

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Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• Drive-through COVID-19 Vaccine Clin-

- ics are held from 3-6 p.m. each Thursday afternoon at Whatley Plaza, located on the northwest part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Center campus, 1601 W. Martin Luther King Boulevard, also known as 1601 W. 11th Place. The vaccination is free. For more information, visit www. scenicmountainmedical.org/vaccine.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.
- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.
- · Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@ sprhs.org

2) 263-0808

 Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop,

delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

- St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.
- Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call
- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

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Clyde McMahon, Jr., 84, died Friday, January 28, 2022. Graveside service Friday 2:30 PM at Trinity Memorial Park.

Robert Arron. Sr., 72, died Saturday, January 29, Memorial service February 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel

Patricia Aaron, 70, died January 23, 2022. Memorial service February 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel

Jacqueline "Jackie" Whetsel, 78, died January 30, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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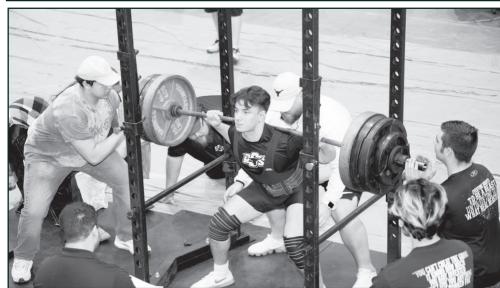
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Big Spring Steers took 2nd place with all 11 boys placing in the top 5 at the Andrews Mustang Invitational









Country Dhate

The Big Spring Steer powerlifting team showed dominance with a superb second-place finish at the Andrews Invitational. Likewise, the Boys Steer team had a fantastic showing by having all 11 members placed in the top five of their respective weight classes. Congratulations on the enormous success.

Lady Bulldogs are off and running in softball season



Courtesv Pho

Coahoma High School softball head coach Coach Alex Orosco meets with his team before heading into the second half of a double header scrimmage with the Colorado City Lady Wolves on Saturday. Next, the Bulldogettes travel to Greenwood High School on Tuesday to scrimmage against the Lady Rangers.

Column: Brady's goodbye leaves (almost) everyone smiling

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

The smart ones get out while people are still lining up to see them play. Tom Brady was even smarter than that. He was so good for so long that it made the toughest decision of his own career easy for everybody else.

Sure, it could have gone smoother. As things turned out, it resembled nothing so much as a broken play that runs for three days without end. But try and name another transcendent athlete who exited the stage to smiles on almost every side of him. We'll wait.

Brady's unparalleled accomplishments left no room for regrets and his departure, messy as it was, spared the rest of us worrying about whether or when he'd break down.

Yet his performance this season left no doubts, either, that Brady could have suited up for at least one more if he desired. He just didn't.

"I have always believed the sport of football is an 'all-in' proposition — if a 100% competitive commitment isn't there, you won't succeed," Brady said in his retirement announcement Tuesday on Instagram, "and success is what I love so much about our game."

Go ahead, quibble with the way the "will-he-orwon't-he" drama bounced around the internet and triggered "Breaking News" alerts across TV shows of every stripe. No one summed all that dithering up better than the New York Jets' Twitter account, which posted simply, "this

And maybe, if you're Patriots owner Bob Kraft, coach Bill Belichick, a teammate during his salad days there and the millions who rooted for him across New England, well, you're wondering how Brady found space in a long post to thank just about everyone else — his wife, agent, trainer, the entire Bucs organization and even the Tampa Bay area — without even one word about you. So maybe that "competitive commitment" still flickers brightly in at least one corner of his psyche.

But trust me: Brady did right by you — he jumped on Twitter just long enough to reassure the Pats and their fans "I'm beyond grateful Love you all." — and soon enough, you'll remember him every bit as fondly as everyone else.

Besides, it's not like he's lacking for praise. Even before he made it official, so many players sprinted onto social media to congratulate Brady that the websites resembled a guestbook. Some included postgame pictures of themselves posing with Brady; unironically and more often than not, just moments after he'd beaten them Nearly all included the goat icon — shorthand for "Greatest of All Time" — a title that Brady could have claimed long before his age-defying feats with



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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0333015 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 13, 2022 Status/Permit No. 870613 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 3, 2022 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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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS **DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0333014 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 13, 2022 Status/Permit No. 871854 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 3, 2022 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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Lease Lines: 350.0 F south L, 634.0 F west L Survey Lines: 350.0 F south L, 634.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 400.0 F S L 1540.0 F WEST L

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AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0333013 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 13, 2022 Status/Permit No. 871847 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 3, 2022 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

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Feb 2, 2022 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email:

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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 is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or nonpooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 35, Bk. 26, H&TC RR CO Survey, A-754, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 12 miles NE direction from COAHOMA,

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 Protestant 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

(512)463-6848.

Commission's Docket

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IF YOU WISH TO RE-**QUEST A HEARING ON** THIS APPLICATION, AN IN-**TENT TO APPEAR IN** PROTEST MUST BE RE-**CEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN** OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, **FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Feb 2,** 2022 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE RE-**QUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRAT-**IVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICA-**TION REQUIRES PUBLICA-**

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: WINFORD 35-38 A UNIT Lease/Unit Well No.: A 3H Lease/Unit Acres: 570.2 Nearest Lease Line (ft): null

Lease Lines:177.0 F NORTH L, 392.0 F EAST L Survey Lines:177.0 F NORTH L, 2000.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 400.0 F SOUTH L 2041.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 38 Block: 26 Abstract: 1371 Survey: H&TC RR CO / WILLIAMS, E W Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L 350.0 F EAST L Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L 2520.0 F WEST 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 6400

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mary Crosswell, at (817)312-8504.

#11188

By Steve Becker

The devil and the deep blue sea

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH**

> **♠** A 6 4 ♥J10972

♦ A K 9 3 **♣**10

WEST **EAST ♠** K 10 9 5 **♦** J 8 3 **V**6 ♦ Q 10 6 ♦ J 8 7 4 **♠**KJ985 **♣**76432

SOUTH ♦Q72 **♥**AKQ853 **♦** 5 2 ♣A Q

East

Pass

South West North Dble Redble Pass Pass 2 🏚 4 NT Pass 6♥ Opening lead - six of hearts.

The bidding:

There are players who, at times, are constitutionally unable to say the word "pass." West was obviously a member of this school, as can be seen by studying the bidding and attempting to reconcile his nine high-card points.

takeout double of one heart with North was likewise a distinguished member of the same school. In effect, he bid six hearts on only 12 returned, declarer could not be

who opened the bidding and never indicated any extra values. South might easily have held only 12 or 13 high-card points instead of the 17 he actually had.

However, North proved to be the winner in the overbidding contest. True, South had to play his cards well to make the slam, but he did have West's ultralight double to steer him in the right direction.

Declarer won West's trump lead with the ace, cashed the A-K of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, reentered dummy with a trump and ruffed the nine of diamonds, producing this position:

North **♠** A 6 4 **♥** J 10 7 **♣**10

East

Immaterial

West **♦** K 10 9 5 **♦**KJ9 South

♠ Q 7 2 **♥** K 8 **♣**A Q

South now led the A-Q of clubs. When West covered the queen with the king, declarer discarded the spade four from dummy, leaving West between the devil and the deep blue sea. Whatever he high-card points opposite a partner denied the rest of the tricks.

> **Tomorrow:** Every card tells a story. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Wednesday, Feburary 2, 2022

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb.
2, the 33rd day of 2022.
There are 332 days left in the year.

Today in History
In 1913, New York Cit rebuilt Grand Central Terminal officially open

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's Black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

On this date:

In 1536, present-day Buenos Aires, Argentina, was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

In 1913, New York City's rebuilt Grand Central Terminal officially opened to the public at one minute past midnight.

In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co.

In 1925, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a lifesaving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana.

In 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman sent a 10-point civil rights program to Congress, where the proposals ran into fierce opposition from

Southern lawmakers.

In 1980, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.

In 2006, House Republicans elected John Boehner (BAY'-nur) of Ohio as their new majority leader replace the indicted Tom

In 2016, health officials reported that a person in Texas had become infected with the Zika virus through sex in the first case of the illness being transmitted within the United States.

In 2020, the Philippines reported that a 44-year-old Chinese man from Wuhan had died in a Manila hospital from the new coronavirus; it was the first death from the virus to be recorded outside of China. Authorities in parts of China extended the Lunar New Year holiday break well into February to try to keep people at home.

Ten years ago: Egyptian security forces clashed with stone-throwing protesters enraged by the failure of police to prevent a soccer riot the night before that killed 74 people. Donald Trump announced his endorsement of Republican Mitt Romney for presi-dent, saying the former Massachusetts governor was "not going to allow bad things to continue to happen to this country we all love."

Five years ago: Using a backhoe to smash through a barricade of water-filled footlockers, police stormed Delaware's largest prison, ending a nearly 20-hour hos-tage standoff with inmates; one hostage, a guard, was

One year ago: Ahead of the second Senate impeachment trial of outgoing President Donald Trump, <u>House Democrats filed å</u>

legal brief saying Trump had endangered the lives of all endangered the lives of all members of Congress when he aimed a mob of supporters "like a loaded cannon" at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6; Trump denied the allegations through his lawyers and called the trial unconstitutional. U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who confronted the mob that confronted the mob that stormed the building on Jan. 6 and died a day later, lay in honor inside the Capitol. in honor inside the Capitol. The Senate approved Pete Buttigieg (BOO'-tuh-juhj) as transportation secretary, making him the first openly gay person confirmed to a Cabinet post. A Moscow court ordered Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny to serve more than 2.1/2

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Tom Smothers is 85. Rock singer-gui-tarist Graham Nash is 80. Television executive

to serve more than 2 1/2

years in prison on charges that he violated the terms of his probation while he was

recuperating in Germany from nerve-agent poisoning.

Barry Diller is 80. Actor Bo Hopkins is 78. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 76. TV chef Ina (EE'-nuh) Garten is 74. Actor Jack McGee is 73. Actor Brent Spiner (SPY'-nur) is 73. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 73. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 70. The former president of South Korea, Park Geun-hye (goon-hay), is 70. Model Christie Brinkley is 68. Actor Michael Talbott is 67. Actor Kim Zimmer is 67. Actor Michael T. Weiss is 60. Actor-comedian Adam Ferrara is 56. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 56. Actor Jennifer Westfeldt is 52. Rapper T-Mo is 50. Actor Marissa Jaret Winokur is 49. Actor Lori Beth Denberg is 46. Singer Shakira is 45. Actor Rich Sommer is 44. Country singer Blaine Larsen is 36. Actor Zosia (ZAH'-shuh) Mamet is 34.

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ALL RIGHT ALREADY!

OH, YES. ANOTHER MASTERFUL SHOT. DID YOU SEE THAT?







I DIDN'T. I'M FINDING IT HARD TO SEE THE TABLE PAST YOUR HEAD

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WHAT'S

THIS?





WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Moon Favors Psychic Marmots

A prescient Pisces moon oversees the gathering at Gobbler's Knob in Pennsylvania for the ceremonial appearance of Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather Prophet Extraordinary. Whatever the marmot's prediction, you have the power to end your own personal winter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll expand your circle of influence. You'll be especially charismatic in casual settings. Your manner is informal; you'll shine in this mode. People feel

comfortable around you. **TAURUS** 20). Part of forwarding your interests is protecting them. You're a warrior with a keen sense about when to defend, attack or retreat. Stay flexible and alert. Keep your

options open. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll concentrate on one thing until it's solved. It's a bit like your mind is a television show, and you don't want to change the channel until the end credits

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To make a plan with someone and execute it builds the relationship yet not as much as the casual in-between moments of doing nothing together. It's the way you are when your guard is down that matters

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your all-out efforts maké life exciting. You wouldn't want to run at this intensity all the time, but it's working today. Better to do excess in moderation than to do moderation in excess. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). You're willing to take other people's feelings seriously if needed, but you're in no mood to take yourself seriously. You skate through tasks that used to be hard because you've upgraded your thoughts on the matter. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You're full of ideas, many of them good, only one of them possible at a time. Be wary of adding new projects today because they will take over in unexpected ways. First, finish what you were already working on. SCÓRPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You think you're in the right, and you probably are. For now, keeping that to yourself will give you more options. You'll be able to observe the situation while others are unguarded. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). Resources become available to you. You've only just scratched the surface of what you can do. Keep going. You can

take this further than you dreamed CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Our solar system

empty space, but today you still don't have enough of it. Your time alone is precious and when you get some, you'll use it well, possibly doing nothing at all, a worthy enough pursuit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

18). Giving is tricky. There's a point when it's uncool or counterproductive to give too much. Make double sure you're getting an accurate read on the situation. Take your cues from those more established in it. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). Simple gestures are effective, especially when it comes to love and romance. Less is more. Too much talking can diminish what you've already accomplished with an intentional moment of eye contact.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Feb. 2). Here comes a heap of cosmic gifts. Make room by getting rid of something -- for instance, your tight hold on one idea of the future. Open your mind to options, then in drops a lovely February surprise. Spring sees the blossoming of your professional life with the mastery of a skill. Summer is synonymous with love. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 44, 49 and 17.

COSMIC QUESTION:

"I am a Libra born September 29. Over the last six years, my life seems to have moved in a different direction other than I chose. More so in the last year, my life seems to be in a complete upheaval and I feel lost at times even if I don't show it. I feel like I am losing everyone around me in some form or another. I feel like everything is out of control and I will lose everything if this keeps going. Does this change anytime Sounds like you are

tuning into the energy of Saturn, the planet of big life lessons. These lessons are frequently learned through the rulebook of self-destruction. Self-destruction gets a bad rap. In building ourselves, sometimes we have to tear structures of our lives down and recreate. This can be done consciously or unconsciously. Losing relationships and even bits of yourself is par for this course. You are in control of more than you think. What happens will be ultimately the result of your choices. So don't wait for the change to come down from the stars. Summon your power and take the

Shakira was just 12 years old when she released her first record. Three Gram-

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

mys, 11 Latin Grammys and a Super Bowl halftime show later, the Aquarian superstar is still hitting new heights. In keeping with her sign's reputation, Shakira has been honored by the United

zations for her extensive charitable contributions.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Eye rudely
- **5** Casual
- conversation Person from the Leaning Tower's
- city 14 Blender blade's
- sound 15 Freight car rider
- 16 First cousin's father
- 17 Bean in some soups
- 18 Prayer
- conclusion 19 Student of
- Socrates 20 "Feliz Navidad"
- singer/guitarist 23 Boomer's kid,
- for short 24 Baba of the
- Arabian Nights
- 25 Explorer ___ the
- Red 28 Lasting mark
- 31 Marching band
- percussion Adventures in
- Wonderland 37 River near
- Shakespeare's home
- 39 Letters on our stamps

40 Gore's running

- mate in 2000 **43** Chimp or
- baboon **44** Typical high
- schooler **45** Unwitting victim 46 Take out a lease
- **48** Firefighters' tools
- **50** Ripped apart
- 51 Nickname for a pastor

Baseball great

Ripken

- **62** Large brass instruments
- **64** Mysterious glow
- 66 Indoor sports

- 69 Caulking
- **70** Left, on a map
- 71 Nuisance

DOWN

- 1 Harry Potter's

- **7** Eve's second

- **5** Rub harshly

- 6 Base-clearing

- bird

- son

- 63 Relay racer's path
- venue
- 67 Higher than
- **68** Sound of
- scissors
- material

- **4** Periods in history

- 3 VIP's auto

- 2 Letters after F

- substitute plants
 - Wed on the run Gotten out of

8 Novelist

tiles

Morrison

10 Installed like

11 Read digitally

'modern"

21 Apart from

22 Chocolate-

12 Glee club voice

13 Prefix meaning

9 One in school

- bed
- 27 Cooler for a
- cocktail 29 Knighted actor
- Michael 30 Wide urban st.

32 Bit of gossip

practice

34 Shaggy hair

35 Not quite shut

33 Common

- **59** Hoarse voice
 - 60 Hill of sand **61** Colored part of the eye 62 Touch on the

shoulder

65 Quick to learn

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

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! Today's Answers 8 3 6 6 2 2

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CROSSWORD

Today's Answers

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