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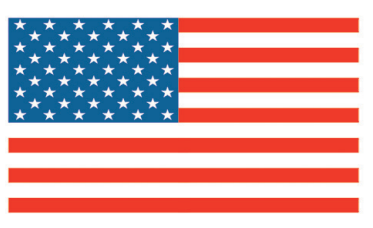
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Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 69. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 41.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 69.

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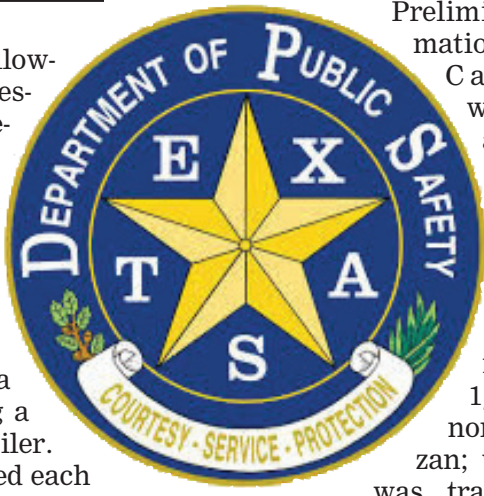
Lenorah woman killed in Tarzan wreck

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

M. Flores Olave, 58, of Hobbs, N.M.

A Lenorah woman is dead following a wreck near Tarzan Wednesday, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety statement released Monday morning.

According to the release, the accident involved Randie Leigh Canterbury, 28, of Lenorah, driving a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe, and Ismael Valenzuela Valles, 48, of Midland, driving a 2010 Peterbilt truck tractor/trailer. A single passenger also occupied each vehicle; with Canterbury was an eight-year-old female, also of Lenorah; while Valenzuela was accompanied by Jose



on State Highway 176. According to the report, Canterbury's vehicle

failed to yield the right of way to Valles' vehicle, causing a collision. Canterbury was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where she was pronounced dead. Her minor passenger was transported to Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock, where she was listed in serious condition.

Neither Valles nor Olave were injured in the accident.

According to the report, weather was clear and road conditions were dry at the time of the accident. Posted speed limit was 70 miles per hour, but the vehicles' speeds were not listed in the report.

The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Adrian Ruiz of the Big Spring office, assisted by Trooper Travis Payne of the Odessa office.

53rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show brings tradition, beautiful stones to Big Spring



Left, People attending the Gem and Mineral Show marvel at the wares the Prospectors Club had to offer. Right, opened geodes display sparkling purple crystals.

By **LACHELLE COBB**
 Herald Staff Writer

Big Spring Gem and Mineral show was held this past Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Big Spring Gem and Minerals show featured beautiful jewelry pieces, amazing crystals with many colors and designs, odd and rare fossils from all over the world, and many different, out-

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Chamber meeting Wednesday

Herald Staff Reports

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a business development meeting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Conference Room at 215 W. Third Street.

Items on the meeting's agenda will include the annual Amazing Shopping Race; Holiday Bingo; and upcoming Alive After Five sessions.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 432-263-7641.

Today in History

On March 8:
1962: The Beatles (with Pete Best) first television debut, performing "Dream Baby" on BBC.
1983: President Ronald Reagan first refers to the Soviet Union as "Evil Empire" in a Florida speech.
1986: Martina Navratilova becomes first tennis player to earn \$10 million.

Daily Quotes

"It seems to me that at this time we need education in the obvious more than investigation of the obscure."
 — **Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.**

"The happy marriages never get any publicity. It's just the bad ones that you read about."
 — **Cyd Charisse**

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A Moment in History The Lone 1873 Winchester



Courtesy photo

This 1873 Winchester rifle was discovered by Roy and D.R. Bates on their farm in 1970 or 1971. A jawbone, possibly belonging to a stagecoach driver or Comanche tribesman, was discovered several years later near where the gun was located.

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**
 Heritage Museum of Big Spring

By the picture, it is hard to tell this was a Winchester Rifle. In the early 1970s, farmers Roy Bates

roots that had become entangled. That is when they discovered an 1873 Winchester. the tractor had further damaged the gun, as it now had a crooked barrel.

A few weeks later, Mr. Bates discovered the butt plate buried in the sandy soil.

Several years after that, the Bates unearthed bone fragments including a piece of jawbone with a long yellow tooth still attached. The bones were found approximately 100 yards from where the gun had been unearthed.

The Bates farm was crossed east and west with wagon ruts and old timers had told them it use to be a stage coach line. Roy Bates said there were several salt water lakes surrounding the property but there had been a fresh water lake fed by a spring. Bates continued to clean on the gun and found Winchester 1873 model and caliber 38/40 engraved in the gun. It gave a fairly good clue as to how old the weapon was. Records show there were 2781 Winchester rifles made that year.

The 3037 serial number indicates the

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Obituaries

Carl Wayne Lancaster

Carl Wayne Lancaster age 72 went running into Heaven to see his parents, grandparents and other ancestors, along with his Savior Jesus Christ and Heavenly Father on Sunday March 6, 2022 following a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was surrounded by those who loved him. No funeral at Carl's request. Visitation will be Thursday March 10, from 9 am until 9 pm with family receiving friends from 5pm until 7pm at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. He will be deeply missed, as he continues his journey to be with his Heavenly Father.

He was born June 29, 1949 in Kennett, Missouri. He came to Big Spring as a child with his parents and 3 sisters, (about 1954), and has lived in Big Spring most of 68 years. Carl was from the graduation class of 1968 in Big Spring High School. In 1968 he joined the Army and was discharged honorably after several surgeries on an un-repairable knee. He returned to Big Spring and married Donna Young.. They had a daughter Jean Louise.

For many years Carl drove trucks for companies including J.H. Rose, for cross country loads. Eott, and Enron oil fields, he worked for Walmart and DK. He owned his own Trash Pick Up, business, and his grandkids loved to go with him on the trash pick ups, and watch the machines. Carl loved to meet people and he was friends with everyone.

Carl later married Vicky Alexander from Coleman, Texas and they had two daughters Karla and Crystal both of Big Spring.

Carl is preceded in death by his parents Ted and Mary Ann (Hallford) Lancaster, His grandparents Hoyt Hicks Hallford, and Gertrude Mae (Johnson) Hallford. Great Grandparents Sidney Jarrette Johnson and Annie Mae (Steele) Johnson and great great grandparents Thomas Henry Johnson and Sarah Minerva (Pierce) Johnson who moved to Big Spring in 1905. Carl was very proud of being a 5th generation Texan. Now his great grandchildren are 8th generation Texans. Carl's deceased paternal

grandparents are Charles Lemuel Lancaster and Mary Altha (Yancy) Lancaster of Evansville, Indiana and a great grandson Rowan Speck.

Later Carl married Linda Blair and she had a daughter Stephanie Stephens Barr.

He is survived by 3 sisters, Laverne Lancaster AKA Vernie Jaeger (Bruce Jaeger), Elaine West, and Janet Parnell, 3 Daughters Karla Olivas (Daniel), Crystal Wilox (Robert), and Jean Noggler & 12 grandchildren Brittnie Cervantez / Jose Aravello, Andi Cervantez/ Doug Klinger, Brett, Kristopher, and Jordan Cervantez all of Big Spring. Marc, Andrew, Benjamin and John Wolfley/ Cindy all of Rexburgh Idaho. Kayleb Card, San Antonio, Daniel Permenter and Stormie Noggler of Big Spring, 2 step granddaughters Cheyenne and Ashley Gibson both of Abilene. Carl also had many aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews and nieces Justin Jaeger, Robert Fleet / Felicia, Rebecca, Lancaster Barbara Montemayor Lancaster of Big Spring. Douglas Lancaster of Lubbock Texas, and Mallory Lancaster of Pearl, Hawaii. 2 great grandkids Wyatt Klinger, and Dorian Grey Aravello- Big Spring. 3 step great grandkids Caspian Gibson, Kaine, and Kye of Abilene.

Carl was a member of The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints. He lived in the country and often rescued many pets. He had such a big heart of gold and is so loved.. He had many names in his life Son, Father, Brother, Grandson, Grandfather, Great Grand Father, Nephew, Uncle, Grandpa "P", and Wild Turkey was his old CB Handle, and Child of God.

We would like to Thank Interim Hospice and especially Tara, Maegen, Monica, Roseanne and Linda Ruiz. From Kindred Home Care, Bliss, Mary Warren and Delores Howard. You have all given so much. We Thank You all for your genuine care and giving hearts and your tenderness to our special loved one. May God Bless you all. A special Thank You to Myers and Smith.

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

Paid Obituary

Betty Lou Pearson

Betty Lou Pearson, 92, died Monday, March 7, 2022. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Wednesday with family receiving friends from 5 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Betty is survived by 3 sons: John Wesley Martin (Karen) of Big Spring, Rodney Glen Martin of McAllen, & David Lee Altom (Michelle) of Plano.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband: Levi and 1 grandson: Brandon.

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

Eugene Scott

Eugene Scott, 72, died Sunday, March 6, 2022. Funeral service is pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Emily Nicole Crawford

Emily Nicole Crawford, 23, died Sunday, March 3, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ADAM WAYNE EDMONDSON JR.**, 31, of 2518 Warehouse Ave. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **MADERA ANN GRAY**, 39, of 1316 Harding St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **STACEY NICOLE DRIVER**, 39, of 1409 E. 11th Place was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1/1-B, 4 to 200 grams).
- **RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ**, 56, of 1906 Wasson Rd. Apt. 63 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LYNDELL BURL KNOX II**, 38, of 212 South Moss Lake Rd. was arrested on a warrant for delivery of marijuana (¼ oz. To five pounds).
- **RAUL SANCHEZ**, 27, no address given, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass – habitation or shelter; resisting arrest, search or transport; and possession of a controlled substance (penalty group 1/1-B, less than 1 gram).
- **MICHAEL WEIHERT**, 28, of 1401 Buena Vista was arrested on warrants for criminal mischief (\$2,500 to \$30,000) and criminal trespass.
- **JUAN MARTIN MUNOZ MIER**, 22, of 4006 Parkway Rd. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **MARCOS ANTHONY JUAREZ**, 22, of 1905 Wasson Rd. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **MICHAEL DEVORENCE GREEN**, 32, of 1213 W. Sixth St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **DARION KINDER**, 35, of 1507 S. Runnels St. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and defective stop lamps; and on another outstanding warrant.
- **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 42, of 1000 Jonesboro Rd. was arrested on warrants for operation of a motor vehicle without registration insignia and driving while license invalid; and on another outstanding warrant.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 2500 block of Warehouse Ave., at the intersection of State and Bluebonnet streets, and at the intersection of FM 700 and Interstate 20.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3300 block of East Interstate 20 and in the 1400 block of East 15th Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of South Johnson Street, the 700 block of Settles Street, and the 3100 block of South U.S. Highway 87.
- **HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Third and Runnels streets and in the 1800 block of Wasson Rd.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Bur-

cham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, fol-

lowed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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



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of-the-ordinary gems and stones.

This year's event featured live music by the Apache Creek Fiddlers from Colorado, and a variety of food, as well as a snack bar.

The event included activities for all ages.

The Gem and Mineral show is a recurring annual event that started 53 years ago. The show is important due to the amount of gems and minerals from all around the world people bring into one place to share.

The first show was held at the Highland Shopping

Center in 1969, within one year after Big Spring Prospector's Club started.

Six men started the club whom were interested in old bottles and metal decorating. In 1970 they called a meeting because people were interested in adding lapidary, which is the art of engraving, cutting, or polishing stones. The club agreed upon adding lapidary to the club's other activities of collecting precious and/or beautiful stones, and has been a part of the show since 1971.

Attendees this year were able to purchase whole geodes and break them. According to geology.com, geodes are round rock structures with an internal cavity lined with mineral materials. They have a durable outer shell that is more resistant to weath-

ering than the surrounding bedrock. This allows the geode to survive intact when the surrounding bedrock weathers away. The mineral lining the cavity is often a scintillating druse of tiny quartz crystals underlain by multiple bands of translucent grey and white agate. Lots of beautiful creations are seen by breaking geodes and no geode is the same as another.

This event is held every year and many vendors return yearly, and new vendors attend every year. The Gem and Mineral Show brings the community together and lets everyone learn to appreciate the little things in life and share the beauty of the world that surrounds us.

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gun was probably sold in 1874.

Who was the owner of the gun found in Bates field? Perhaps it belonged to a stage driver, A Comanche that had taken the gun from an early day settler or a buffalo hunter. Or did it belong to a frontiersman struck down in that desolate

place long before Big Spring came into existence.

In the earlier days, the Winchester 73 sold for \$50.00, a lot of money in the late 1800's.

Unfortunately for the Bates, the Winchester could never be restored and the mystery would never be solved.

Both Roy and his son D.R have now passed, but D.R.'s daughter and her husband still live on the home place.

Take Note

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. The final show of the season will be the Spring Pops Concert, featuring Marie Osmond, at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For updates and general information, follow The 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>. This month's distribution will be held March 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• 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 of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big 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 Clinics 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 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

• 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 432-263-5999.

• 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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• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the

children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Andrew "Pugs" Armstrong, 49, died Wednesday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Tuesday with the family receiving friends from 5 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service 11 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive.

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Carl Lancaster, 72, died Sunday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Thursday with family receiving friends from 5 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. No formal service will be held.

Betty Pearson, died Monday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Wednesday with family receiving friends from 5 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service 2 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, May 7, 2022

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."**

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College ball poised to gain fans longer MLB lockout drags on

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

Kush Patel showed up at Minute Maid Park wearing the No. 43 jersey of Houston Astros ace Lance McCullers Jr. and hankering for some baseball.

This time, instead of watching his favorite team, Patel was there to see the Tennessee Volunteers play the Texas Longhorns in a battle of college baseball heavyweights.

"I'm a diehard Astros fan so it's just good to be back in this building, watching some baseball," Patel said. "I'm more of an MLB guy, but I started watching college baseball last year for the College World Series. In college, it seems like the players are allowed to have more passion, so that definitely makes the game a little more interesting and fun to watch."

The college game might turn out to be an attractive alternative for Patel and other fans if the Major League Baseball lockout extends deep into the spring.

College baseball has experienced unprecedented growth over the past decade with schools spending hundreds of millions of dollars to build new stadiums and facilities and increase coaching salaries. The level of play is at an all-time high and will get even better, people in the game say, because the reduction of rounds in the MLB draft means more elite players will go to school, or stay in school, rather than head to the pros.

Those factors, plus the lockout, give the college an opportunity to expand its fan base.

"For someone that doesn't know much about the college game, once they see it, they may not want to go back to watching the pro game as much as the college game," American Baseball Coaches Association executive director Craig Keilitz said. "The passion in the college game and the love for the game itself, every game seems to be 'the game.' It's a little bit different than a 162-game season. The passion, excitement, the collegiate feel can't be matched."

One of the college game's premier events, the

Shriners Children's College Classic, was held over the weekend at Minute Maid Park. Houston is in between the campuses of Texas and LSU, and a game between those teams on Saturday attracted 24,787. Crowds of better than 16,000 turned out for other matchups.

Oklahoma coach Skip Johnson said the lively atmosphere differentiates college ball from MLB.

"You look at Major League Baseball and their playoffs — all our kids aspire to be major leaguers," Johnson said. "But there's something different about March Madness and the super regionals and (CWS in) Omaha, and you hear, 'Boomer Sooner!' Or the regional we played in at Florida State and they were doing, 'K-Time, K-Time, K-Time!'"

"That's the spirit of the game, and it makes the hairs stand up on the back of your neck, and it makes you want to go out there and compete and get after it. It's almost like a football game on a baseball field at times. So, I think that's what's been fun about it."

Schools, especially in the Power 5 conferences, are showing more commitment to their baseball programs as the sport's profile is rising nationally.

Sports Business Journal reported total spending on college baseball and softball stadiums went over \$256 million in 2020, up from \$100 million in 2019.

New stadiums have opened at Florida (\$65 million), Oklahoma State (\$60 million) and Connecticut (\$40 million), among other places, and North Carolina State recently announced a \$15 million baseball facilities upgrade to start after this season. Outside the Power 5, an anonymous donor fully funded a \$60 million baseball facilities project at Binghamton in New York.

According to research by AthleticDirectorU.com and USA Today, the average salary among Power 5 head coaches in 2020 was \$613,807. The Southeastern Conference had the highest average at just under \$900,000.

There were 10 coaches in the country known to be earning at least \$1 million per year in 2020, according to the USA Today salary database. There

now are at least 11, with Tennessee's Tony Vitello getting a raise to \$1.5 million per year after leading the Volunteers to the 2021 College World Series.

Last year's College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, drew a record 361,711, and more than 24,000 turned out for each of the three games of the finals.

College baseball has become a major part of television and streaming inventory in the spring. ESPN's first broadcast College World Series games in the 1980s and has upped its coverage of NCAA regionals and super regionals.

This year more than 200 regular-season games will be televised on ESPN channels and another 2,200 on digital platforms. Five years ago, ESPN channels televised 135 games and the ACC Network and digital platform ESPN+ hadn't launched yet.

Non-ESPN properties such as the Big Ten Network and Pac-12 Network also carry games.

Keilitz said college baseball is on the front end of its ascent. He said college baseball stands to gain because of the recent contraction of the minor-league system and the decrease in draft rounds from 40 to 20.

In the past, a high school player selected in the first 10 rounds almost certainly would go pro. Now that player seriously considers college and the opportunity to increase his value. He has access to strength and conditioning and nutrition programs that, Keilitz said, are generally far superior to those in the low levels of pro ball.

"Playing minor league and rookie ball or being in the SEC, ACC or Pac-12, the facilities are just not even close," Keilitz said.

Keilitz said the pro game's evolution — lots of strikeouts while waiting for the two-run homer — might turn off baseball purists. The college style is well-suited to them.

"It might be a little more of the baseball that most of us know and love — stealing bases, hit and run, more aggressive on the base paths, shortening up with two strikes to try to put the ball in play, hitting behind the runner," Keilitz said. "It's maybe not better, but it's different than the pro game."

Ex-Sooners QB Rattler ready for restart at South Carolina

By PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Spencer Rattler is not sure how things went sideways when he was Oklahoma's quarterback, he just knows it was time for a reset and believes he's found it at South Carolina.

"I feel totally refreshed to be at a new university, a great university like this," Rattler said Wednesday. "I made a great decision and I'm happy I'm in this position."

Rattler seemed in the perfect spot for him at Oklahoma. He was a five-star talent with a power arm who led the Sooners to the Big 12 Championship in 2020.

He began 2021 as a Heisman Trophy front runner and figured to end as the NFL's likely No. 1 draft pick this spring. And while the Sooners kept winning, they weren't bludgeoning opponents — they won five of their first six games by a touchdown or less — and Rattler took the fall.

Rattler was replaced by freshman Caleb Williams in the middle of a 55-48 win over Texas and never started again.

"It was crazy, it was a whirlwind," Rattler said. "On the job my second year, had a great year, only lost two games. This past year, things went how they went, I couldn't control them."

"I felt like as a player I was doing fine," he continued. "We were undefeated at the time, but I guess it wasn't enough."

Rattler knew he had to leave the Sooners. His friend, Oklahoma tight end Austin Stogner, was also in the NCAA transfer portal and talked to Rattler about joining former Sooners' assistant Shane Beamer, now starting his second season as South Carolina head coach.

A Zoom call was scheduled and Rattler loved what he heard.

"They impressed me a lot," the quarterback said of the Gamecocks' pitch.

Rattler doesn't waste time wondering what might've been if he had stuck it out at Oklahoma with his head coach Lincoln Riley and rival Williams both at Southern Cal.

"I think it was just time to move on," he said. "I wasn't going to wait."

Rattler arrived on South Carolina's campus about a month ago and has quickly settled in the quarterback

room. Beamer guaranteed him nothing since the Gamecocks return starter Luke Doty at the position. But Rattler said he is ready to learn, compete and handle whatever comes his way.

"He's done a great job of coming into this program, immersing himself within the team and being a great teammate," Beamer said.

Rattler's transition has been helped by several other noteworthy players who have transferred to South Carolina, including Wake Forest running back Christian Beal-Smith and North Carolina State defensive lineman Terrell Dawkins.

His buddy, tight end Stogner, is set to arrive later this year.

That hasn't stopped the hype from engulfing South Carolina fans. Rattler is the first five-star prospect on the roster since defensive end Jadeveon Clowney' three-season run ended in 2013.

Rattler's got an NIL agreement with a local Chevrolet dealership for a garage-colored Silverado, one of several tie-ins he's likely to garner with the Gamecocks.

The team starts workouts in two weeks with its spring game on April 16.

Rattler wanted his new home to be somewhere "that has that love of their team," he said. "I think I landed in the perfect spot."

Still, Rattler understands little matters until the Gamecocks evolve into a winning team. Beamer went 7-6 last year including wins over Florida, Auburn and North Carolina.

Shortly after Rattler signed, the quarterback spoke with South Carolina offensive coordinator Marcus Satterfield.

"Everybody in the country thinks you stink. Everybody in the country thinks I stink," Satterfield said he told Rattler. "Let's go at this with the biggest possible chip on our shoulder."

Said Rattler: "I thought it was kind of funny."

Rattler said he is not motivated by trying to prove his worth to critics, only about helping his new team succeed.

"I feel like I did my part" at Oklahoma, Rattler said. "Obviously, you can't win every game by 50 points. It didn't work out. That's how it is. But I'm not trying to show anything but the best version of me."

Brittney Griner's wife thanks fans for support after arrest

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

Brittney Griner's wife, Chelle, has thanked everyone for their support of the WNBA star, who was arrested last month in Russia.

Brittney Griner was detained at a Moscow airport after Russian authorities said a search of her luggage revealed vape cartridges. They were identified as containing oil derived from cannabis, which could carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

The 31-year-old Griner, one of the most recognizable players in women's basketball, has won two Olympic gold medals with the U.S., a WNBA championship with the Phoenix Mercury and a national championship at Baylor. She is a seven-time All-Star.

Chelle Griner posted a picture Sunday on Instagram of the couple.

"Thank you to everyone who has reached out to me regarding my wife's safe return from Russia. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated," she wrote. "I love my wife wholeheartedly, so this message comes during one of the weakest moments of my life. I understand that many of you have grown to love BG over the years and have concerns and want details. Please honor our privacy as we continue to work on getting my wife home safely."

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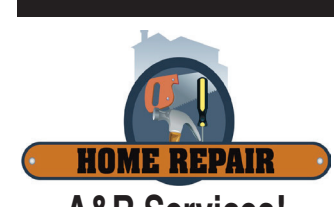
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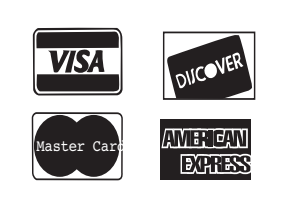
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3:30	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud		(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce		Movie: Wonder Woman, Connie Nielsen (DVS)	NFL Live	Jalen	Live on the Line	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Street Outlaws
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10:30	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7 News	Noticias	News Tonight Show	Being Words of Jesus IS	Pink Donkey	Friends	Burgers	Sheldon		SportsCenter	NFL Live	AVP Pro Beach	Storage	Storage	(01) Street Outlaws
11:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Parientes a la fuerza	Seth Meyers	Creation Tiger	On the Almas	CBS 7	black-ish	Sheldon	NBA on TNT			NHL Hockey: Stars at Predators	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	Street Outlaws: Gone Girl
12:30	Extra	Las tonías no van	Mom	James Corden	Señora	News Acero (SS)	The Xavier	Forensic	Creek	George	George	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Warriors			Postgame	Law & Order: SVU	Deep	(01) Street Outlaws
1:30	Blink Home Security	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa De siones	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Liquidator Gold	George		SportsCenter	UFC Archival		Law & Order: SVU	Deep	(01) Street Outlaws
2:30	(06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(07) CBS Overnight News	Gatilleros del Rio Bravo (SS)	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Relief	Wipeout		SportsCenter	UFC Archival	NBA G League Basketball: Stars at Legends	Law & Order: SVU	Storage	(01) Street Outlaws
3:30		El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU		Noticias	Early Tdy	A Prom Gr8	Odd	Paid Prg.	LegalHelp Unlimited	Wipeout	Bones				Law & Order: SVU	Bravo XL Oxygen	Gold Rush
4:30	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	The Is	Arthur	Paid Prg.	More Hair	Matters	Bones	SportsCenter	UFC Archival	Relief	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg. Prince	Gold Rush

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 8, the 67th day of 2022. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire."

urbane producer who guided the band's swift, historic transformation from rowdy club act to musical and cultural revolutionaries, died at age 90.

Ten years ago: Jesse Owens was posthumously made an inaugural member of the IAAF Hall of Fame more than 75 years after he won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. (Owens, Carl Lewis, Jackie Joyner-Kersey and nine others were the first athletes to be honored by the IAAF in its newly created Hall of Fame.) James T. "Jimmy" Ellis, 74, the frontman for The Trampys who released "Disco Inferno," died in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Five years ago: Hawaii became the first state to sue to stop President Donald Trump's revised travel ban (the state had previously sued over Trump's initial travel ban, but that lawsuit was put on hold while other cases played out across the country). Many American women stayed home from work, joined rallies or wore red to demonstrate how vital they were to the U.S. economy, as International Women's Day was observed with a multitude of events around the world, including the Day Without a Woman in the U.S. Fire swept through a crowded youth shelter near Guatemala City, killing 40 girls.

One year ago: Accord-

ing to some long-awaited guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fully vaccinated Americans could now gather with other vaccinated people indoors without wearing a mask or social distancing. Novak Djokovic surpassed Roger Federer for the most weeks at No. 1 in the ATP rankings; it was his 311th week in the top spot.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician George Coleman is 87. Actor Sue Ane (correct) Langdon is 86. College Football Hall of Famer Pete Dawkins is 84. Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 78. Actor-director Micky Dolenz (The Monkees) is 77. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 76. Pop singer Peggy March is 74. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Rice is 69. Jazz musician Billy Childs is 65. Singer Gary Numan is 64. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 63. Actor Aidan Quinn is 63. Actor Camryn Manheim is 61. Actor Leon (no last name) is 61. Country-rock singer Shawn Mullins is 54. Neo-soul singer Van Hunt is 52. Actor Andrea Parker is 52. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 49. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 46. Actor Laura Main is 45. Actor James Van Der Beek is 45. R&B singer Kameelah Williams (702) is 44. Actor Nick Zano is 44. Rock singer Tom Chaplin (Keane) is 43. Rock musician Andy Ross (OK Go) is 43. Actor Jessica Collins is 39. R&B singer Kristinia (kris-teh-NEE'-ah) DeBarge is 32.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Swapping horses in midstream

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠72
♥K5
♦Q1087632
♣J3

WEST
♠AQ8
♥8762
♦K
♠AQ85

EAST
♠109543
♥93
♦J94
♠1062

SOUTH
♠KJ6
♥AQJ104
♦A5
♠K74

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♣ Pass Pass
Dble Pass 3♦ Pass
3NT

Opening lead — eight of clubs.

It is not unusual for a declarer to start out with one plan and then, a few tricks later, find himself executing an entirely different plan.

Consider this deal from a tournament pairs event. South reached three notrump as shown and won the opening club lead with dummy's jack. The contract could not be defeated if dummy's diamonds could be established without East gaining the lead for a club return through South's king. In fact, if West had the doubleton or triple-

ton king of diamonds, at least one overtrick was assured.

So at trick two, declarer led a diamond to the ace. The fall of West's singleton king was not a welcome sight — it meant that the diamond suit would furnish only two tricks, since East could not be given a trick with the jack. Therefore, declarer was going to have to score his ninth trick in either spades or clubs.

With West holding the A-Q of both black suits, this might seem an impossibility, but in fact, success was a near certainty. If West had the ace of spades for his two-club bid, as was highly likely, a surefire endplay was only a few tricks away.

Accordingly, at trick three South began running his hearts, West discarding a club on the fifth heart. Declarer then crossed to the diamond queen and led a spade to the jack. If East had the queen, this would have forced West's ace, but the actual location of the queen was of no import.

As it was, West took the jack with the queen and was then forced to concede a trick to one of South's black kings. Thus South, who started out thinking he had an easy assignment if he could establish dummy's diamonds, wound up needing to execute an endplay just to finish with nine tricks.

Tomorrow: A matter of self-preservation.
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Jacob Sanchez
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