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Weather

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 76. South wind 15 to 20 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. South wind 15 to 20 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 99.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Texas gas price avg. up 33.7 cents last week

Special to the Herald

Average gasoline prices in Texas have risen 33.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.56/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 61.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.84/g higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has risen 11.5 cents nationally in the past week and stands at \$5.62 per gallon.

The lowest price locally is \$4.26 per gallon, while the highest price in Big Spring is \$4.34 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$3.99/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$5.69/g, a difference of \$1.70/g. The national average price of gasoline has risen 26.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.85/g today. The national average is up 56.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.81/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back ten years:

June 6, 2021:	\$2.71/g (U.S. Average: \$3.04/g)	June 6, 2017:	\$2.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.36/g)
June 6, 2020:	\$1.69/g (U.S. Average: \$2.02/g)	June 6, 2016:	\$2.14/g (U.S. Average: \$2.36/g)
June 6, 2019:	\$2.46/g (U.S. Average: \$2.77/g)	June 6, 2015:	\$2.55/g (U.S. Average: \$2.76/g)
June 6, 2018:	\$2.74/g (U.S. Average: \$2.94/g)	June 6, 2014:	\$3.44/g (U.S. Average: \$3.66/g)
		June 6, 2013:	\$3.36/g (U.S. Average: \$3.63/g)
		June 6, 2012:	\$3.38/g (U.S. Average: \$3.56/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
 Midland Odessa- \$4.36/g, up 21.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.14/g.
 San Antonio- \$4.49/g, up 32.2 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.17/g.

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Today in History

On June 7

1892: Homer Plessy arrested for refusing to leave his seat in the "whites only" car of a train. Resulting court case Plessy v. Ferguson rules state-mandated segregation does not violate 14th Amendment. Later overturned in Brown v. Board of Education.
1975: Sony launches Beta-max VCR, the first videocassette recorder format.

A Moment in History

William "Bud" Travis Roberts

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

William "Bud" Travis Roberts was raised on a ranch five miles from Georgetown, Texas. W.T.'s father, William, had a ranch with 500 head of cattle. He had fought for the south during the Civil War. While his father was away at war, W.T. took care of the herd, butchered hogs, ground meal, and worked the ranch.

W.T.'s father died of a hemorrhage while he was home on furlough, leaving the responsibilities of the family and ranch to 13-year-old W.T. He was the oldest of seven children, five boys and two girls. Young Bud joined with Col. Mayburn Williams and drove a herd of 1,200 cattle from Georgetown to Memphis, Tenn. The drovers ran into heavy rains and raging rivers that contributed to a substantial loss of the herd. In addition, the price of cattle was rock bottom. Before he had left home, Bud's mother had sewn \$30 in the waist of his jeans for emergencies. That \$30 brought them back home.

W.T.'s mother, Rachel remarried and W.T. inherited a 40-acre cotton farm in Georgetown from his father's estate. On February 23, 1870, one day before turning 21, W.T. married 14-year-old Mary Thompson. Together they worked the farm. Mary rolled cotton seed in ash and walked in front of the ox as Bud followed with a plow. They soon traded the farm for Longhorn cattle and moved to Brownwood, Texas.

They made another move to Runnels County, where the herd was decimated by cattle rustlers. W.T. and his brothers had heard of Moss Springs through buffalo hunters who were traveling the plains. W.T. and one of his brothers visited the site in 1877, looking for free range. W.T. told his brother that no one else could ever find the secluded location. He returned for Mary and their three children. They built a dugout with a fireplace in the back for Mary to cook on. They used the springs as a refrigerator to store their meat, butter, milk, and eggs.

Milk and butter were abundantly provided by the

Courtesy photo

Front row (l-r) William Travis Roberts, Leora and Mary Roberts; back row (l-r) Arthur, Louetta, and Alex.

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Daily Quotes

"It is the eye of ignorance that assigns a fixed and unchangeable color to every object; beware of this stumbling block."
 — **Paul Gauguin**

"You are richer for doing things."
 — **Jessica Tandy**

"When you use the term minority or minorities in reference to people, you're telling them that they're less than somebody else."
 — **Gwendolyn Brooks**

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AARP warns high electricity costs likely this summer

Special to the Herald

As temperatures rise and Texans rely heavily on air conditioning in their homes, AARP Texas seeks to educate consumers, including older Texans, on how to protect themselves against the rising costs of electricity and other utility expenses.

"With humidity and temperatures escalating, no one should have to worry about how to stay cool this summer," said AARP Texas Director Tina Tran.

Tran said AARP Texas is raising awareness among consumers on how they can best prepare their homes for extremely warm weather and potentially higher utility bills, and the association is encouraging participation in assistance programs available to many Texans.

"Utility rates are an essential pocketbook issue for Texans, especially those 50-plus," Tran said. "Too often, older Texans must choose between paying their utility bill and paying for their prescriptions. The summer weather – not unlike the winter heating season – is going to be a challenge. Knowing where to go for assistance is more important than ever."

AARP Texas offers the following tips and information to help with utility expenses in Texas
Apply for home energy assistance

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Big Spring Choir Photos!

Courtesy photo

BSISD choirs had a great year in 2021-22. Check out Page 12 for a look back at some of their adventures, successes, and triumphs

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Sheriff

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

- Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 92 inmates at the time of this report
- **JACOB ANTHONY BANKS**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief more than \$100 less than \$750.
- **ELDA MELINA BERNAL**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, possession of marijuana less than 2oz, false alarm/report.
- **SHELITA DUPREE ATKINSON**, 52, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass of habitation/shelter.
- **JOEL ADRIAN FLORES**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750.
- **AUSTIN CLINTON JOSEY**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft less than \$100.
- **MARISSA NICOLE LOYA**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of motion to revoke probation, possession of a dangerous drug.

- **TIMOTHY RAY LUCIO**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **JONATHAN MATA**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid w/previous conviction/suspension.
- **GREGORY GAGE MILLER**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest detention.
- **HELENE MARGARITE RIGGS**, 52, was arrested by BSOD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **REBEKA LYN ROCHA**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THADDEUS ONTAR STRAUGHTER**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property more than \$100 less than \$750.
- **DANIEL GARZA TANGUMA**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of fail to comply sex offender duty to register
- **ALEXANDER URIAS**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated second offense.

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 Burcham 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 325-212-8600.

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, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. 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.

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

5 teens wounded at El Paso party

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Five teens were hospitalized Saturday, two in critical condition, after gunfire broke out at an overnight high school graduation party in West Texas, authorities said.

The teens, ranging in age from 16 to 18, were wounded about 1 a.m. Saturday at a home in Socorro, a town on the Mexican border near El Paso, said Socorro police Chief David Burton. As many as 100 people were there.

Partygoers said the shooting erupted after a fight broke out between two groups, Burton said.

Burton expressed confidence at a Saturday news conference that a suspect would be identified and arrested.

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Obituaries

Roy Merrida Koonce

Roy Merrida Koonce, 83, of Stanton died June 2, 2022.

The family will receive guests from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Gilbreath Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 10, 2022, at First United Methodist Church in Stanton, with interment following at Evergreen Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Hattie Jane Roberts

Hattie Jane Roberts, 87, died Thursday, June 2, 2022, in Big Spring.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., with family receiving friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m., at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas.

Hattie was born on June 29, 1934, in Robert Lee, Texas, to Virginia and Douglas Snead. She moved to Coahoma in 1967 and returned back in Coahoma in 1971. She married Norman Roberts on November 17, 1956, in Lea County, N.M., and was a member of First United Methodist in Coahoma.

Hattie worked for Coahoma I.S.D for 27 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Hattie is survived by her husband, Norman Roberts, long time coach at Coahoma; daughter, Sheri Whitten (Danny Dishman); son, Gary Roberts (Kim); daughter-in-law, Shanna Roberts; grandchildren, Stephen, Lance, Kali, and Corey; great-grandchildren: Tres, Justin, Payton, Andrew, Laney, Lane, Hayden, Boone, Huxton, and Terryn Jo; and great-great-grandchildren, Judge and McKinsley.

In addition to her parents, Hattie was preceded in death by her son, Terry Roberts.

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

Eric Franks

Eric Franks, 47, died Saturday, May 28, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. And a fund has been set up at Myers & Smith to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Take Note

- The Coahoma Freedom Parade will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2. A celebration in the park will follow the parade. Participants in the parade should begin lining up at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Football Stadium Parking Lot. Prizes for the most patriotic parade entries are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$25 for third place. At the park celebration, there will be hamburger meals including chips, cookie and a drink, on sale, with proceeds benefiting the Coahoma Lions Club. Activities will include a basketball free throw contest, a bouncy house and water slide. Caps will be available at Coahoma City Hall. For more information contact Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.

- The Borden County All-School Reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, in Gail, Texas. All former students, faculty, and friends are invited to attend. No fee is charged for attending and visiting. A meal will be served at the Event Center but pre-paid reservations are required. Deadline to order a meal is May 25. An adult meal ticket is \$18 and \$10 for children 8 years and older. Contact Lisa Dennis Mahler at bordenexes@gmail.com for additional information and a reservation form.

- Everyone welcome! Western swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, each third Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Entry is \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments are provided. For more information call 432 517-9097.

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GAS

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Austin- \$4.53/g, up 31.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.21/g.

"After a blistering week of gas prices jumping in nearly every town, city, state and area possible, more bad news is on the horizon. It now appears not if, but when, we'll hit that psychologically critical \$5 national average," said Patrick De Haan,

head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Gasoline inventories continue to decline even with demand softening due to high prices, a culmination of less refining capacity than we had prior to Covid and strong consumption, a situation that doesn't look to improve drastically anytime soon. Nine states have average gas prices that stand beyond the \$5 per gallon mark, with more set to join in the days and weeks ahead. In addition, diesel prices also stand at a record high, a second gut-punch to consumers which pushes prices of most goods higher."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on a small fraction of U.S. gasoline stations, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

HISTORY

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longhorns. They lived at the springs for several years, and thought they had found "Utopia" until the Roberts family's dream of ranch ownership was shattered when Will Wardell and Frank Biler bought the section of land containing Moss Springs from the State of Texas.

W.T had waited too long to stake his claim. The family had to move a mile and half from the spring. They found water to be plentiful at that location. A spade was placed in the side of the bank and water was immediately discovered. Planks were placed in an L shape to keep the sides from caving in. The water bubbled up in the enclosed area into a basin. This was the first water well dug in Howard County.

The family constructed a lean-to out of cedar poles and a canvas top. This temporary home was destroyed during a bad storm as Mary and the children were sucked out of the top. They only suffered from some bruising.

Mary would carry water in buckets from their spring well across the creek to their newly built plank house. At times, wild horses would come up to the creek and spring to drink only to start fighting. Mary, who never weighed more than 90 pounds and wore a size 3 shoe, would grab the kids and they would climb the windmill tower to escape their flailing hooves.

They seldom encountered Indians however, Mary would gather the children and hide in the caves when Bud was gone to avoid them. Life was lonely for Mary; she rarely saw another female in the area. They lived near the Signal Mountain which was called Signal Mound or Bead Mountain. There was large

quantities of Indian beads and paintings on the mountain.

After the buffalo slaughter, the family gathered the bones to sell. They transported the bones to the location of the T&P train that was about to come through Big Spring in 1881. Bones were stacked as tall as haystacks all around the area. With the sale of the bones, W.T. purchased the first wagon in the county for \$85.00

The Roberts raised white face Hereford Cattle and improved on their Longhorn herd. Bud had an excellent reputation for raising and selling Morgan Saddle Horses.

Before the town of Big Spring was founded, the Roberts had to purchase supplies from Colorado City.

Ranchers suffered considerably during 1886-87. The winter of 1886 brought a large amount of snow that piled up in tall drifts. That freezing winter alone claimed over 10,000 head belonging to the Slaughter Ranch. The drought that followed was just as devastating as the hot dry winds that cut down all vegetation. The Roberts made it through 1886 but by the next drought in 1893, they were forced to move their cattle to Oklahoma for water and grazing. They had just built a new three-room home, so they left a daughter and son in law in charge of the ranch and home. W.T. and Mary continued to live in Oklahoma until 1898, they returned with a few cattle after selling the rest of the herd at a nice profit.

When Mary was in her 50s, she broke her hip. At the age of 59, Mary died from Pellagra, a disease from lack of niacin in the diet.

W.T. had eventually accumulated 12 sections of land. He was known to be a strong man, working hard or in his impeccable character. He continued living on the ranch until he died in 1940 at the age of 91.

ELECTRICITY

The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is a utility assistance program designed to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate energy needs and to control energy costs through energy education. Utilities include electricity, gas, and propane. In crisis-related circumstances, the program may assist in repairing or replacing cooling and heating systems. All participating households receive energy education to include energy-saving tips for the home.

Households with elderly, disabled, and young children (ages 5 and under) receive priority for financial assistance through CEAP. Non-eligible households are referred to other resources within their community.

Get utility assistance from CEAP by visiting the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' page at: <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-affairs/ceap/index.htm> or by calling 877-399-8939 or 877-541-7905.

Attain Critical Care or Chronic Condition Status

Those who need power to their home because of

a medical condition can apply for Critical Care or Chronic Condition status. Texas residents with a medical condition that could become life-threatening if a home were to lose power, may qualify for a designation that provides support services. These designations can provide additional flexibility to avoid disconnection for non-payment. They do not guarantee uninterrupted service during outages. For information, reach your transmission distribution utility through your electric provider.

Seek a deferred payment plan if facing disconnection for non-payment

A deferred payment plan is a formal arrangement between a customer and an electric provider. It allows customers to pay an outstanding bill in installments. Certain criteria must be met; and once entering into a deferred payment plan with a retail electric provider, you can be prevented from switching to another retail electric provider until an outstanding balance is paid.

Contact your utility company to check eligibility for assistance programs

Call your electric and natural gas distribution company to learn more about company-specific assistance that may be available. Some utilities have

customer assistance programs, usage reduction programs and hardship programs, sometimes run by community organizations.

Enroll in budget billing

To avoid seasonal increases and other price spikes, some utility companies allow customers to spread costs throughout the year by basing monthly payments on a household's annual usage. Contact your electric and natural gas companies for more information.

Weatherize with low-cost conservation measures

There are some simple but effective ways to keep temperatures controlled in your home.

- Install door sweeps;
- Weatherproof doors and windows;
- Caulk cracks around doors and windows;
- Have your air conditioning and heating systems regularly serviced and repaired.
- Replace old appliances with new energy efficient models. Look for the Energy Star label.
- Find additional weatherization tips here:

<https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/community-affairs/ceap/tips.htm>

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
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Hattie Roberts, 87, died Thursday. Visitation Thursday 5:30 PM until 7 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service Friday 11 AM at Bronte Cemetery.

Jesus Maholly, 74, died Saturday. Visitation Wednesday 9 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service Thursday 10 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Ackerly Cemetery.

Eric Sherod Franks, 47, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Take Note

• Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha Baptist Academy, located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for the 2022-23 School year. We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20 is our startup date, and applications will be accepted year-round. Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• 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

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 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

• 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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Coahoma softball players selected to the UIL 3A All-State Tournament Team

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

The UIL recently released its Softball All-State Tournament Teams for all players this past weekend. Players from all teams were selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. Four players from Coahoma were selected to the conference 3A All-State Tournament Team. Hallettsville and Coahoma received most of the honors, with Hallettsville having five selected to the all-state tournament team, while Coahoma had four selected. Franklin had one player from its team that was selected to the all-state team.

Senior Madison Rodgers, junior Shae Lang, and freshmen Hannah Wells and Nevaeh Kerby earned the all-state accolades for Coahoma. Senior Madison Rodgers, who will play next year at Georgia Gwinnett College, was selected as the shortstop for the 3A state tournament team. Junior Shae Lang and freshman Nevaeh Kerby were both selected as outfielders for the 3A state tournament team. Freshman Hannah Wells rounded out the all-state honors, as she was selected as the utility player.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes bid for a second state title fell just short last Thursday. The Bulldogettes lost to Hallettsville in the 3A state title game

with the final score being 6-5. The Coahoma Bulldogettes had an amazing and historic season, making its eleventh state appearance in school history. The future is looking good for Coahoma as the Bulldogettes, comprised of mostly underclassmen, will return most of its starters, losing only two seniors after this year. Congratulations to the Coahoma softball team for a great season and the players for earning all-state accolades.

UIL CONFERENCE 3A ALL-STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM

Position-Name, Class, School

Pitcher-Kaylie Olivarez, So., Hallettsville
Catcher-Macie Jansky, So., Hallettsville
First Base-Karaline Smitherman, Fr., Franklin
Second Base-Ky Lange, Jr., Hallettsville
Third Base-Carson Jansky, Fr., Hallettsville
Shortstop-Madison Rodgers, Sr., Coahoma
Outfield-Courtney Woytek, Sr., Hallettsville
Outfield-Shae Lang, Jr., Coahoma
Outfield-Nevaeh Kerby, Fr., Coahoma
Utility-Hannah Wells, Fr., Coahoma

Czech, Smith lead Texas past Arizona, into WCWS semifinals

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Unseeded Texas is four wins from a national title.

Estelle Czech allowed just one hit in 3 2/3 scoreless innings of relief, JJ Smith hit a three-run homer and the Longhorns defeated Arizona 5-2 on Sunday night to advance to the Women's College World Series semifinals.

Czech (12-1), a sophomore, retired the first eight batters she faced in relief of ace Hailey Dolcini on her way to eliminating the Wildcats.

"Me and coach (Mike White) had a discussion before the game that my position today was to be the reliever and to pick up Hailey when I need it," Czech said. "That's what I tried to do. Hailey did her job, and I did mine."

Smith, also a sophomore, fought through nerves to hit just her second home run of the season.

"This is my first time being in the World Series," she said. "On deck, the first thing that ran through my mind is this is for the super seniors ... I was just doing it for my team, to be honest with you."

Texas (45-20-1) will play Big 12 rival Oklahoma

State — the No. 7 overall seed — in the semifinals Monday. Because it is a double-elimination tournament to decide who plays in the best-of-three championship series and Texas already has a loss, the Longhorns would need to win twice Monday to advance. Oklahoma State, undefeated in the World Series so far, would need just one win to move on.

Oklahoma State defeated Texas all four times they played this season, including a matchup in the Big 12 Tournament. But Texas had to win a regional at No. 13 Washington and a super regional at No. 4 Arkansas to qualify, so the Longhorns are used to beating the odds.

"We're really gritty," Smith said. "Over the course of the season, we've all gotten really close and understanding no matter what happens we're still in the game. We're not out of the game until it's over."

In the other semifinals matchup Monday, defending champion and No. 1 seed Oklahoma will face No. 5 UCLA, with UCLA needing to win twice and Oklahoma needing to win just once to advance.

With Texas, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State in the semifinals, it's the first time three Big 12 teams have reached the semifinals and the first

time since the Southeastern Conference in 2015 that any conference has had three of the final four teams.

Texas' Courtney Day hit a solo homer in the bottom of the third to open the scoring.

Charlie Scupin's hard single down the right field line in the fourth knocked in Allie Skaggs and Amber Toven to give Arizona a 2-1 lead. Shortly after that, Czech replaced Dolcini with two runners on and struck out both batters she faced to escape.

Texas took the lead for good in its half of the fourth. Shortly after Devyn Netz replaced starter Hanah Bowen, Smith's three-run blast gave Texas a 4-2 lead. Bowen (14-12) took the loss for Arizona.

Arizona (39-22) lost its first eight Pac-12 games and tied for last place in the league before getting hot during the regionals and super regionals. It was a strong finish for Caitlin Lowe, the first-year coach who replaced eight-time national champion Mike Candrea.

"I think in 21 days I watched them grow up," Lowe said. "We've been on the road for all of it. But I watched them go from a team that was happy to be here, and then they realized, like, why not us?"

No. 1 Tennessee, 4 other teams lock up NCAA regional titles

By ERIC OLSON

AP Sports Writer

Tennessee was right where it was expected to be Sunday night, celebrating an NCAA regional title on its home field and eager to continue one of the most dominant runs in college baseball history.

The No. 1 national seed Volunteers, No. 4 Virginia Tech, No. 5 Texas A&M, Texas and Notre Dame closed out their regionals and advanced to super regionals beginning Friday.

No. 6 Miami was the first top-eight seed eliminated, losing 4-3 to Arizona in Coral Gables, Florida.

Tennessee (56-7) beat Georgia Tech 9-6, never leading until it scored six runs in the ninth inning. Next up is a best-of-three series against Notre Dame.

Virginia Tech broke through for its first regional title, defeating Columbia 7-2 to complete a dominant three-game run. They'll host Florida or Oklahoma next.

Texas A&M took the lead with a seven-run ninth inning and first-year coach Jim Schlossnagle's Aggies knocked out TCU, his former team, 15-9. The Aggies will host Louisville or Michigan in supers.

Texas' Ivan Melendez became the first player to hit 30 homers since San Diego's Kris Bryant in 2013, connecting in a five-run first inning that sparked a 10-1 victory over Air Force. The Longhorns will play Coastal Carolina or East Carolina.

Notre Dame, which got 7 2/3

strong innings from John Michael Bertrand, is heading to super regionals for the second straight year after edging Texas Tech 2-1.

No. 2 Stanford, Oklahoma State, Maryland, Florida, Louisville, Coastal Carolina, North Carolina, Southern Mississippi and Vanderbilt won Sunday night to set up winner-take-all finals Monday.

Stanford beat Texas State 8-4, with Pac-12 home run leader Carter Graham connecting twice and driving five runs as the Cardinal kept alive their hopes for a third straight super regional.

Roc Riggio and David Mendam each homered and drove in three runs as Oklahoma State avenged Saturday's meltdown against Arkansas with a 14-10 win.

Nick Lorusso's bases-loaded single in the 11th inning gave host Maryland a 7-6 walk-off victory over Connecticut, a No. 3 regional seed bidding for its first super regional since 2011.

Carsten Finnvold took over for struggling starter Timmy Manning after three batters and pitched nine innings of relief in host Florida's 7-2 victory over Oklahoma.

Host Louisville beat Michigan 20-1 to put itself on the cusp of its seventh super regional in nine years.

Nick Parker and Reece Maniscalco combined on a four-hitter as Coastal Carolina rolled past No. 8 East Carolina 9-1. Parker pitched eight innings and struck out 10, both career highs, and allowed three hits.

Host North Carolina beat No. 3 regional seed VCU 19-8 with Vance Honeycutt homering for the ninth time in 10 games.

Justin Storm pitched five innings of two-hit shutout relief to lead host Southern Mississippi past LSU 8-4.

Vanderbilt staved off elimination for the third straight game, beating No. 3 national seed Oregon State 8-1.

Auburn's final against UCLA was suspended until Monday because of rain with the Tigers leading 9-0 in the sixth.

Prodigious offense once again was on display at regional sites across the country. Another crazy game in Stillwater, Oklahoma, was Example A.

Oklahoma State came back from a 12-0 deficit to beat Missouri State 29-15 in an elimination game. It was the highest-scoring game in tournament history and happened less than 24 hours after the Cowboys blew a 10-5 lead entering the seventh and lost 20-12 to Arkansas.

The Cowboys' turnabout against the Bears was complete when Griffin Doersching hit a grand slam for a 17-14 lead in the seven-run sixth inning. They pulled away with 12 more runs in the eighth and ninth.

Oklahoma State has scored 65 runs and allowed 50 in four regional games and Nolan McLean has hit five homers.

Last year during regionals, there were an average of 12.84 runs per game (both teams). Through Saturday's games, the average was 14.57 — and that number will go up after

Sunday.

THEN THERE'S TEXAS TECH

Texas Tech managed to score just eight runs in four games. The Red Raiders entered the tournament 10th nationally in scoring at 8.7 runs per game. They hadn't scored so few runs since they put up five runs in their last four games in 2014.

STEALING HOME

Florida picked up a huge run in its 6-5 elimination game win over Central Michigan when Josh Rivera stole home for a 5-0 lead in the fifth.

With Mac Guscette on first, the Gators put on a double steal. Chipewas lefty Ryan Palmblad was distracted as Guscette took off, and by the time he turned around to see what was going on, Rivera was sliding across the plate.

It was Florida's first steal of home since 2018 and Guscette's first steal in 55 career games.

RALLY PADDLE

This is the time of year when teams come up with all sorts of good luck charms. For Southern Mississippi, it's the "Rally Paddle."

As the Golden Eagles poured out of the dugout to celebrate Christopher Sargent's bases-loaded single in the 10th inning to beat Kennesaw State 4-3, reserve infielder Charlie Fischer ran onto the field holding a yellow boat paddle high in the air.

Somehow the paddle found its way to the dugout, and you can be sure it'll be with the team Monday.

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Mariners rally late with help of wild pitch, beat Texas 6-5

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Abraham Toro scored on a wild pitch by Brock Burke in the 10th inning to complete Seattle's late-game rally over the Texas Rangers 6-5 on Sunday.

Seattle scored three in the ninth off Matt Bush, who had his third blown save this season, to tie the score 5-5. Ty France began the scoring with a one-out solo home run that landed just inside the right-field foul pole.

Diego Castillo (3-0) pitched a scoreless ninth inning for Seattle, and then in the 10th, Toro, an automatic runner, advanced to third base on a groundout by Dylan Moore and scored on ball four to Adam Frazier from Burke (3-1).

Paul Sewald pitched a scoreless 10th to earn his fourth save in six opportunities this season.

Eugenio Suarez had four RBIs for the Mariners, who have won the first two series of a nine-game trip. He had a solo home run in the fourth inning and a two-run double lined to right field in the ninth that tied the game.

"We had the right guy up at the right time," Mariners manager Scott Servais said of Suarez, who has an eight-game hitting streak. "He's a veteran guy who's been in those positions. Our guys were locked in late, and that's a credit to them. It was looking a little bleak there."

Texas' five runs were scored on home runs — including the first major-league homer for rookie Ezequiel Duran, who was recalled from Double-A Frisco before making his big-league debut on Saturday. Duran also singled in the second inning for his first hit in the majors.

Adolis Garcia, Marcus Semien and Mitch Garver also homered for the Rangers.

Texas manager Chris Woodward said usual closer Joe Barlow wasn't available after pitching Friday and Saturday.

The Rangers had the potential winning run at second in the ninth with one out before Castillo struck out youngsters Duran and Steele Walker. Walker appeared in his first big-league game after being promoted from Triple-A Round Rock and went 0 for 4.

"We talk about not getting caught up in the moment," Woodward said. "It's

hard to tell younger guys that in the moment. They've got to go through it."

Rangers starter Martin Perez came in leading the major leagues with a 1.42 ERA. He allowed two runs, raising his ERA to 1.56. The New York Yankees' Nestor Cortes took over the big-league lead (1.50).

Mariners rookie right-hander George Kirby allowed the homers to Garcia and Semien among five hits in six innings.

It was Garcia's fourth homer in his last eight games and Semien's third in his last nine games after beginning his first Texas season with 43 homerless games.

Semien hit 45 homers last season with Toronto, the most ever by a primary second baseman in the major leagues.

Suarez's first-pitch homer leading off the fourth inning ended a 69 1/3-inning homerless streak for Perez that began after the Yankees' Gleyber Torres homered off him last Sept. 24 when he pitched for Boston.

SHORT HOPS

Mariners CF Julio Rodriguez stole his 17th base, which leads the majors. ... It was Semien's 21st career home run against Seattle, his most against any opponent.

ROSTER MOVES

Mariners: LHP Ryan Borucki was in uniform for the Mariners for the first time after being acquired Saturday from Toronto for minor league INF Tyler Keenan. ... INF Mike Ford was designated for assignment to make room for Borucki on the 40-man roster.

Rangers: Walker became the third player to make his major league debut for Texas in seven days. 3B Josh Smith did on Monday and 3B Duran did on Saturday. ... INF Andy Ibanez was optioned to Round Rock, and Round Rock OF-DH Willie Calhoun was designated for assignment to make room for Walker on Texas' 40-man roster.

Álvarez's HR boosts Astros to 7-4 win vs Royals

By **MARC BOWMAN**

Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Yordan Álvarez hit his 16th home run of the season and Framber Valdez won his fifth straight start for the Houston Astros, who beat the Kansas City Royals 7-4 on Sunday.

Álvarez led off the eighth inning with a 456-foot shot to right. It was one of three hits for him, extending his hitting streak to seven games. He's batting .556 (15-for-27) with six multi-hit games in the span.

"It's just part of baseball," Álvarez said. "I've just been going out there trying to get pitches. Thankfully I've been getting them. I just felt good. I felt really good. I felt like I was going to do some damage today."

"It is just impressive. Obviously, he got paid \$115 million for a reason," Royals starting pitcher Jonathan Heasley said, referring to media reports that Álvarez will get a hefty contract extension in the coming days. "The dude is probably the best hitter I've faced. He covers the zone and when he hits it, he hits it."

The Astros started their offense in the third, when Jose Altuve hit a one-out double before scoring on Mauricio Dubon's sacrifice fly. The Astros extended their lead to 3-0 in the fourth on Álvarez's leadoff triple. Álvarez then scored on a wild pitch before Kyle Tucker lined his ninth homer to straightaway center.

"(Álvarez) hit the ball hard today," Astros man-

ager Dusty Baker said. "He hit that (home run) a ton. But I was more impressed with the other balls he hit down the line. He's heating up."

Tucker added an RBI single during a three-run ninth inning.

"Every guy in the lineup are really good hitters, but obviously him hitting behind me in the lineup felt good," Álvarez said. "We both hit homers."

Valdez (6-2) allowed only a third-inning leadoff single before the Royals got on the board in the sixth. Whit Merrifield led off the frame with a single, followed by Salvador Perez's two-out drive over the center-field fence. Perez leads Kansas City with eight homers.

"I wanted to throw that pitch a little bit lower there in that spot," Valdez said. "It caught a little bit too much of the plate. He's a really good hitter and he was able to drive that."

Valdez went six innings, allowing two runs on four hits, walking three and striking out five. In his last six starts, Valdez has a 2.11 ERA (10 earned runs in 42 2/3 innings) and the Astros have won all six.

"Framber pitched good," Baker said. "He didn't want to come out. But after his last (start), 115 pitches or whatever, he was on a very short leash. After the home run by Perez — he's a dangerous man — it was 3-2 and I had a fresh bullpen and I figured it was time to go to my bullpen."

Perez's RBI double in the eighth cut Houston's lead to 4-3.

"(Perez) amazes us," Royals manager Mike Matheny said. "How he continues to figure things out,

keeps his head down and keeps going. He is just so talented. Only so many people can hit the ball out of the ballpark as he does, and it is in big situations, too. He has a knack. He thrives in those situations. He wants to be the guy and he has been coming through for us the last couple of nights."

Ryan Pressly was ejected in the ninth inning after the umpires issued a warning for pitching inside to Michael A. Taylor, leading to the Royals loading the bases with two out in the ninth. Rafael Montero ended the threat for his fourth save.

"I guess we're not allowed to pitch inside in the big leagues any more," Pressly said. "I don't know how many of them hit us and there was no warning given. I would understand if I'd gone up and in on him or threw a pitch at his head, but both those pitches were inside, moving his feet. But, to warn me about something like that and then to throw me out while I was questioning him for warning me, you've got to be better than that."

Heasley (0-3) worked six innings for Kansas City, allowing three runs on seven hits and two walks, with five strikeouts.

"Overall, I thought it was my strongest outing of the year as far as pure stuff goes," Heasley said. "I felt like I had my curveball working for the first time and was really confident with it. I felt like I was able to put guys away a little more than I have been able to do in the last few starts."

The Royals have not won a home series since April 17-19 when they took two of three from the Minnesota Twins.

Notre Dame edges Texas Tech 2-1 to earn Super Regional berth

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) — Jack Findlay got the final four outs, surviving a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the ninth inning, and Notre Dame won the Statesboro Regional with a 2-1 victory over Texas Tech on Sunday.

The Fighting Irish (38-14), the No. 2 seed in the regional, beat third-seed Texas Tech twice by a run and No. 16 overall seed and tourney host Geor-

gia Southern 6-4 in winning a berth in the Super Regionals.

Findlay entered the game in the eighth with two outs, two on and a run in after Alex Rao walked the only batter he faced in relief of starter John Bertrand (9-2). Findlay struck out Owen Washburn to end the threat.

Parker Kelly singled with one out to get the Red Raiders (39-22) going against Findlay in the ninth. Cooper

Swanson walked and Kelly moved to third on Easton Murrell's fly out to right field. Swanson stole second and Findlay plunked Cole Stilwell on a 1-2 pitch to load the bases, but Findlay induced a ground out to first by No. 3 batter Jace Jung for his second save of the season.

Notre Dame took a 1-0 in the third when Spencer Myers doubled and scored on Ryan Cole's single to left.

The Irish scored again in the fourth when Zack Prajzner doubled and scored on a two-out single by Cole.

Texas Tech scored when Murrell doubled with one out and scored on Jung's two-out single.

Bertrand worked the first 7 2/3 innings for Notre Dame. He allowed one run on nine hits, striking out seven without a walk.

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Today is Tuesday, June 7, the 158th day of 2022. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 7, 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, struck down, 7-2, a Connecticut law used to prosecute a Planned Parenthood clinic in New Haven for providing contraceptives to married couples.

On this date:

In 1712, Pennsylvania's colonial assembly voted to ban the further importation of slaves.

In 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia offered a resolution to the Continental Congress stating "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1848, French painter and sculptor Paul Gauguin was born in Paris.

In 1892, Homer Plessy, a "Creole of color," was arrested for refusing to leave a whites-only car of the East Louisiana Railroad. (Ruling on his case, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept it renounced in 1954.)

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

In 1942, the Battle of Midway ended in

a decisive victory for American naval forces over Imperial Japan, marking a turning point in the Pacific War.

In 1967, author-critic Dorothy Parker, famed for her caustic wit, died in New York at age 73.

In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that religious groups could sometimes meet on school property after hours. Ground was broken for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

In 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old Black man, was hooked by a chain to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death; one of them, Lawrence Russell Brewer, was executed in 2011 and the other, John William King, was executed in April 2019. A third defendant received life with the possibility of parole.)

In 2006, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi (AH'-boo MOO'-sahb ahl-zahr-KOW'-ee), the founder of al-Qaida in Iraq, was killed by a U.S. airstrike on his safe house. The U.S. Senate rejected a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

In 2016, Democrat Hillary Clinton and Re-

publican Donald Trump claimed their parties' presidential nominations following contests in New Jersey, California, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Ten years ago: Attorney General Eric Holder clashed with Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee seeking more information about a flawed gun-trafficking investigation in Arizona known as "Operation Fast and Furious." Bob Welch, a former member of Fleetwood Mac who went on to write songs and record several hits during a solo career, died in Nashville.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump announced his choice to replace James Comey a day ahead of the ousted FBI director's congressional testimony, tapping Christopher Wray, a white-collar defense lawyer with a strong law enforcement background. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for a stunning pair of deadly attacks on Iran's parliament and the tomb of its revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Keith Urban picked up four CMT Music Awards in Nashville, including video of the year.

One year ago: A unanimous Supreme Court ruled that thousands of people living in the U.S. for humanitarian reasons were ineligible to apply to become permanent residents. Maggie Murdaugh, 52, and her son Paul Murdaugh, 22, from a prominent South Carolina legal family, were found shot and killed on their family's

land. (In the aftermath of the deaths, Maggie Murdaugh's husband, Alex Murdaugh, would be jailed on dozens of charges, including the theft of millions of dollars in legal settlements.) An express train barreled into another train that had derailed minutes earlier in southern Pakistan, killing more than 60 people.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director James Ivory is 94. Actor Virginia McKenna is 91. Singer Tom Jones is 82. Poet Nikki Giovanni is 79. Former talk show host Jenny Jones is 76. Americana singer-songwriter Willie Nile is 74. Actor Anne Twomey is 71. Actor Liam Neeson is 70. Actor Colleen Camp is 69. Author Louise Erdrich (UR'-drihk) is 68. Actor William Forsythe is 67. Record producer L.A. Reid is 66. Latin pop singer Juan Luis Guerra is 65. Former Vice President Mike Pence is 63. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 59. Rock musician Eric Kretz (Stone Temple Pilots) is 56. Rock musician Dave Navarro is 55. Actor Helen Baxendale is 52. Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., is 50. Actor Karl Urban is 50. TV personality Bear Grylls is 48. Rock musician Eric Johnson (The Shins) is 46. Actor Adrienne Frantz is 44. Actor-comedian Bill Hader is 44. Actor Anna Torv is 43. Actor Larisa Oleynik (oh-LAY'-nihk) is 41. Former tennis player Anna Kournikova is 41. Actor Michael Cera is 34. Actor Shelley Buckner is 33. Rapper Iggy Azalea is 32. Actor-model Emily Ratajowski is 31. Rapper Fetty Wap is 31.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Eternal vigilance

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A Q 8 6 3
 ♥ K J 10
 ♦ A K 4
 ♣ Q 9

WEST
 ♠ 5
 ♥ 9 7 6 4 3
 ♦ Q 6 2
 ♣ A 7 6 4

EAST
 ♠ K J 10 9
 ♥ Q 5 2
 ♦ J 10 8 5
 ♣ 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ 9 7 3
 ♣ K J 10 8 3

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
 3 NT

Opening lead — four of hearts.

It is human to err, but some bridge players appear to be more human than others! Consider this deal where it is very easy for declarer to make a mistake. West leads a heart against three notrump, declarer playing the ten from dummy and taking East's queen with the ace.

South then leads a spade to dummy's queen, losing the finesse to East's king and back comes a heart to dummy's jack. Declarer next cashes the ace of spades, on which

West shows out.

South is now in serious trouble. He plays the queen of clubs from dummy, but West refuses to win the trick, putting an end to South's fleeting hopes. Declarer must now go down at least one, regardless of how he plays.

Yet the fact is that South cannot be prevented from making nine tricks if he plays the hand correctly. It is true that he is very unlucky both to lose the spade finesse and to find the spades divided 4-1. But it is also true that South can guarantee the contract without subjecting himself in any way to the element of luck.

All he has to do is to play the king of hearts from dummy at trick one and then lead the queen of clubs. If the queen holds, South continues with the nine to the ten and persists with the suit until the ace is forced out. This method of play is sure to produce nine tricks in the form of four clubs, two diamonds, two hearts and a spade.

To assure the contract, declarer must resist the temptation to score three heart tricks by playing the ten from dummy at trick one. Instead, he sacrifices the extra heart trick to make certain that he scores the four club tricks he needs to get home safely.

Tomorrow: Solution to a problem.
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Choir at BSHS



Courtesy photos
Top five photos show Big Spring Intermediate School choirs at the Irons Music Festival, where they all received Sweepstakes awards. Top to bottom, Show Choir, Fifth-Grade Choir, JV Choir, Men's Choir and Girls' Choir; next, jesters (left) and group photo (right) at the Big Spring High School's Madrigal Dinner; bottom left, Mamma Mia, and right, Hamilton, at the High School Choir's Pop Show performance.

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