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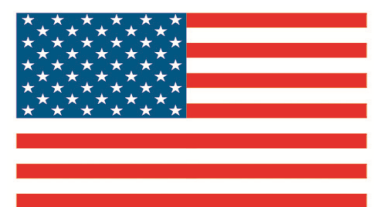
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## Weather



**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 74. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 99. East wind 5 to 10 mph.  
**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 74.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 96.  
*Source: NWS, via weather.gov*

## Today in History

**On August 13-14**  
**Aug. 13 1521:** Forces led by Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés capture Tlatoani Cuauhtémoc and conquer the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan.  
**Aug. 13, 1918:** Women enlist in the United States Marine Corps for the first time. Opha May Johnson is the first woman to enlist.  
**Aug. 14, 1935:** Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Social Security Act, creating a government pension system for the retired.

## Daily Quotes

"I would like to see every woman know how to handle guns as naturally as they know how to handle babies."  
— **Annie Oakley**  
"I enjoyed about as much of this as I could stand."  
— **John "Doc" Holliday**

"There is no terror in the bang, only in the anticipation of it."  
— **Alfred Hitchcock**

"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night."  
— **Steve Martin**

"I'm a consumer as well as a performer. Among my leisure-time activities is going to the theater. I'm very interested in that."  
— **Kathleen Battle**

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# BSISD board approves lower tax rate than 2021-22, but high enough to trigger election

By **ROGER CLINE**

Managing Editor

A tax increase that's lower than this year's rate? That's what the Big Spring ISD is looking at for 2022-23.

BSISD Chief Financial Officer Susan Bryan laid out the situation for the school board trustees during their meeting Thursday evening.

"We're proposing an M&O (Maintenance and Operations) tax rate \$0.8846 per \$100 market value, and then for I&S (Interest and Sinking), a \$0.0763 per \$100," Bryan said, noting that the combined proposed rate is \$0.9609 per \$100 valuation. "I assume that you all will be confused, because it says that we're increasing the tax rate, which is not what I've been telling you. I have a summary of what we're proposing, the rates I just said, and last year's rates. Last year's rate equals \$1.016, so it's a change, a decrease of \$0.0551. That's what we're proposing – the difference."



**BSISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams laughs at a humorous moment during Monday evening's school board meeting.**

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Bryan explained that the Texas Education Agency determined that the base starting rate the district uses to calculate its tax rate is \$0.8046 cents per \$100. Above that amount, the district is allowed by state funding rules to spend

"Golden Pennies," each of which increases the tax rate by one cent per \$100. Revenue earned through the Golden Pennies is not subject to recapture by the state, and is available for use by the district.

"I get to add in five Golden Pennies, recapture free," Bryan said. "That gets us to \$0.8546. Then, we have to add in our I&S tax rate, which is being proposed at \$0.0763, so the Voter Approval Rate that was in the notice, was \$0.9309. But if you look at the top, I'm proposing \$0.9609, which is three pennies more."

Bryan said since the proposed tax rate is higher than the Voter Approval Election is automatically triggered. That election will take place November 8.

Bryan said that the district's No-New Revenue rate – the rate which should bring in exactly the same amount of revenue as the district earned

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## District 2 Large Item Pickup scheduled Wednesday Residents should register by 5 p.m. Monday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Contributing Writer

Large Item pickup for District 2 is right around the corner. Those wanting to take advantage of this free service will need to call by 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15 to have their items picked up.

An effort by Nick Ornelas, City Council Member for District 1, has drawn in the support and volunteers in District 1 pickups, but he is looking to extend that to the other districts.

"I get different organizations, such as Cross Roads Young Marines to help with placing large items to the curb for the elderly who are 60 or older. I will spearhead getting this organized for every district," Ornelas said. "I am asking one organization to sign up each month."

Large item pick up takes place the third Wednesday of the month and is a way for Big Spring residents to get rid of big items without having to make a trip to the landfill. The service was started as a way to help residents dispose of large items from their homes including couches, mattresses, appli-

ances and other large, bulky items. The city staff make the routes through the respective district.

"City staff will not be able to bring the items to the curb for you which is why we are encouraging volunteers to help out," Ornelas said. "This month we will have Wildlife Beauty & Wellness will be volunteering."

Eligible items for pickup include: doors, carpet, furniture, appliances, cardboard boxes, scrap metal, mattresses, tree brush or limbs, and yard trimmings. Items that will not be picked up include: household trash, garbage or any material in plastic bags, hazardous materials, automotive parts, batteries or tires, construction, remodeling or demolition debris such as shingles, wallboard and lumber, dirt, rock, concrete or ceramic tile, TVs and other electronics.

To schedule your large/bulk item pickup, call Public Works at 432-264-2501 or email [nhernandez@mybigspring.com](mailto:nhernandez@mybigspring.com). More information can also be obtained by visiting [www.mybigspring.com/616/LargeBulk-Item-Pickup](http://www.mybigspring.com/616/LargeBulk-Item-Pickup).

## College Board to meet Monday

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Junior College District will hold an executive session, budget workshop and special meeting Monday August 15, in the Fireplace Room/Student Union Building.

On the agenda will be a budget workshop followed by discussions about scheduling of the budget and possible tax hearing, the Open Howard College update; the request for proposal of the Anthony Hunt Library Renovation Project and the Music Building Remodel Project.

Also to be discussed are the changes to the college handbook and catalog changes, upcoming activities and recognitions followed by Legislative and general updates will round out the meeting.

Howard College is located at 1001 Birdwell Lane.

## Budget and Tax Rate on Coahoma ISD agenda Tuesday

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

Herald Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School District

On Tuesday, August 16, the Board of Trustees of the Coahoma ISD will hold regular meeting at 6 p.m., in the Elementary Board Room 400 Ramsey St., Coahoma.

Following the open forum and public hearing regarding the budget and proposed tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 valuation, there will be consideration and possible approval of a redemption order.

Also on the agenda will be the following: Deliberation and possible action to adopt a budget for the 2022-2023 school year; deliberation and action to adopt an ordinance or resolution set-

ting the tax rate; deliberation and possible action to order a voter-approval tax rate approval tax rate election to ratify an adopted tax rate that exceeds the district's voter approval tax rate to be conducted on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

There will be deliberation and possible action to accept the bond order calling a special election for Coahoma school district and the resolution of 4-H adjunct faculty.

Also Included in Tuesday's meeting will be the approval of the annual review of the investment policy, the approval of the emergency operating plan and the 2022-2023 compensation value.

The meeting will wrap up following the enrollment/ADA/WADA and Superintendent reports.



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## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on S Snyder Field Rd and County Road 821. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block E 16th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 11th St and Baylor. No person was transported.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on S 4th St and Cottonwood. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block E 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 400 block NW 9th St. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block Carol Dr. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block

## Sheriff

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

- Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 102 inmates at the time of this report.
- **THOMAS DEL BOLTON**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.
  - **WILLIAM HANDLEY CHEATHAM**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving w/license invalid w/previous conviction/suspension.
  - **JUSTIN DEWAYNE FLANERY**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of violation of bond/protective order, evading arrest/detention.

- **ROBERT BLAKE HOOPER**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of unlawful possession of firearm by felon.
- **CODY WAYNE JONES**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of evading arrest/detention, theft of property more than \$750 less than \$2500.
- **MEGAN L MCBEE**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of service more than \$100 less than \$750.
- **JAVIEL SOLIZ**, 40, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft of property more than \$750 less than \$2500.

## Support Groups

### 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.

### 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.

## Obituaries

### Richard Walling

Richard Walling, 71, of Midland passed away on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

The family will receive guests from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, August 14, 2022, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2022, at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Richard was born on December 14, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas, to DeLavergne and John Riley Walling. Richard came into the world with a loud scream and a sly grin. Much to his parents' dismay, as he grew he became even louder and a larger-than-life smarty pants. While Richard was only 5' 6" tall, he believed he was eight feet tall. His quick wit and smart mouth endeared him to his family and friends.

Richard graduated from Coahoma High School, where he excelled at baseball and track. He attended Howard College. He was an Army Veteran. He worked in the oilfield safety business. Richard loved his family, fishing, hunting, the outdoors and the Dallas Cowboys.

Richard is survived by his wife, Cindy; his son, Britt; two daughters, Stacey Welch and Jennifer Smithers; and his brother, Danny. He has 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Richard is preceded in death by one son, Cedric Smithers; one sister and one brother.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards hospice and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Desiderio C. "Desi" Carmona

Desiderio C. "Desi" Carmona, 75, died Saturday, August 6. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday with vigil service at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Desi was born on Jan. 24, 1947, in Big Spring to Isabel and Desiderio Carmona. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Desi was a security guard at Fina Refinery, Cabot, O.I.L in Midland and Odessa and later at Dollar General. He worked maintenance at HEB.

Desi is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Desi was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters: Eva C. Valdez and Gloria Carmona Viau; and 4 brothers: Joe C. Valdez, J.C. Valdez, Guadalupe C. Valdez and Vicente C. Valdez.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Take Note

- Maranatha Baptist Academy News flash: now enrolling for 2022-2023 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We began August 1, 2022 and are a year round school. We service Home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. This year we graduated two Seniors, Grace Wheat, Daughter of Ray Wheat of Denton, Texas, also a graduate of Maranatha. Grace is enrolled at the University of North Texas. Bryson McMurtrey, grandson of Tommy and Brenda McMurtrey, of this city. Bryson is enrolled at the Angelo State University. We are extremely proud of our two graduates. We have been in operation for 40 plus years, and we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact us for further information, about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our educational successes. Dr. Lillian Bohannan. Please call 432-213-1046.

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**BSISD**

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this year – is \$0.729981 per \$100.

“As you can see, these rates are much lower than our proposed tax rate,” Bryan said. “So that is why the motion language says that we’re increasing taxes. It’s not comparing our tax rate from last year to this year. It’s comparing it with this No New Revenue rate.”

The reason for the discrepancy is that the value of local property has increased dramatically. When property values increase, the tax rate required to generate the same revenue decreases proportionally.

“Basically, that rate of \$0.729, that is, what would it take to generate what we had last year?” Superintendent Jay McWilliams said. “That’s not a fair comparison, because this year, our values went up a billion dollars. We’re bringing in a whole lot more money than we did last year. So yeah, that number’s going to go down. But that is not your tax rate. Your tax rate, for the fifth year in a row, is going down. Even with the Golden Pennies. If you look at what it was last year, if this passes, it’s still less than what it was last year. It’s less than a dollar. It’s \$0.96 and some change.”

The school board unanimously approved the rate.

The board also unanimously approved the district’s budget for the 2022-23 school year. The total budget is \$52,157,905, an increase of \$5,773,954 – or about 12.52 percent – over last year’s total of \$46,383,951.

A budget summary can be found on the district’s website at [www.bsisd.esc18.net](http://www.bsisd.esc18.net) under “About BSISD” and then “Election, Budget, Financial, and other Public Notices.” The proposed budget is at the bottom of the list under “Budget Notices.”

The following list shows comparisons between major divisions in the 2021-22 and the 2022-23 budgets:

	2021-22	2022-23
• Instruction:	\$21,407,645	\$21,688,237
• Instructional Support:	\$6,481,656	\$6,558,397
• Central Administration:	\$1,122,290	\$1,226,239
• District Operations:	\$11,503,714	\$12,711,182
• Debt Service:	\$3,633,216	\$3,337,850
• Other :	\$2,200,400	\$6,635,000
• Total:	\$46,353,921	\$52,156,905

According to Bryan, the large increase in the “Other” budget comes from the State’s “Robin Hood” revenue recapture program, where wealthy school districts are required to refund part of their revenue to the state through one of several different means. BSISD has opted to purchase attendance credits to make up the excess.

In other business, the trustees held two public hearings, one on the budget and tax rate, and the other to discuss the status of the district’s use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds provided by the Texas Education Agency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. No members of the public spoke at either hearing.

The board approved an agreement with Crossroads Housing Development Corp. to create a program where BSISD students will get hands-on learning in construction trades, by renovating homes Crossroads owns and makes available to its clients.

The board re-approved its Code of Ethics for Board of Trustees, an routine annual task. According to McWilliams, no changes have been made to the Code except to change the dates and update the names of board members.

Board President Fabian Serrano – who was absent from the meeting – was appointed as a delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards upcoming Delegate Assembly.

The board renewed its agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to provide adjunct faculty while students are attending events at the AgriLife offices. The point of the agreement is to allow absences while students are attending the programs to be considered authorized extra-curricular activities.”

The board also:

- Approved a donation of \$1,400 from the Marcy Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization to the Marcy Elementary School Student Activity Accounty.
- Approved both a resolution to, and also action to, enter into an interlocal agreement with the Education Service Center for Region 5 – Southeast Texas Purchasing Cooperative for cooperative purchasing services.
- Ordered a Voter Approval Tax Rate election, since the proposed tax rate exceeds the Voter Approval Tax Rate. The election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, in conjunction with the General Election.
- Ordered another special election, also on Nov. 8, to authorize the board to purchase attendance credits from the state.
- Approved a Standard Form Owner/Contractor Agreement with Western Building Specialties Inc. of Lubbock for contractor services for the district’s planned door repair and replacement project, and assigned collateral for the project.
- Approved a resolution identifying Hazardous Traffic Conditions as required by TEA in accordance with Board Policy CNA(LOCAL). The resolution designates the intersection of FM700 and U.S. 87 as a dangerous intersection, which nets additional state funding for schools within two miles of the intersection.
- Approved of the 2022-23 BSISD Payment Percentage of 1.86 percent for the Community Eligibility Provision Schedule. Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is the program which allows BSISD to provide free breakfast and lunch to the district’s Junior High students. All of the district’s students will qualify for free lunches through a combination of CEP and other programs.
- Approved of the Student Code of Conduct for 2022-23.

**Take Note**

• Homecoming for Big Spring High School is set for September 9 and 10, 2022. The class of 1962 is celebrating its 60th anniversary and is looking for missing classmates, listed below. Please send names, addresses and/or contact information to: Susan Zack Lewis at [ts@crcom.net](mailto:ts@crcom.net)

Jimmie Atkins, Cecil Baker, Elnora Baker, Joetta Barnes, Idalina Barraza, Alice Bedwell, Kenneth Billings, Cal Boardman, Bill Bonner, Gayle Bratcher, Leahmon Bryant, Joe Cagle, Kay Carter, Mildred Cawthron, Janice Chandler, Clementeen Chatman, Charles Clay, Sue Cole, Suzanne Compton, Ronnie Cox, Larry Deighton, Rexie Denton, Ann Drinkard Sinclair, Lonnie Evans, Paula Faubion, Owen Frost, Lana Fulbright, Margaret Fuller, Yolanda Gamboa, David Garcia, Richard Gibbs, James Gilbert, Norma Graves, Thomas Green, Gloria Greenwood, Edith Gregory, Michael Halverson, Jan Hamilton, Gerald Harrison, Preston Harrison, Sam Hartfield, Don Heath, Billie Henderson, Jerry Henderson, Clarence Henkell, Roger Henry, Rosemary Herrera, Jimmy Hinds, Connie Hinojos, Caroline Holder, Virginia Houchin, Claudie Horn, Ronnie Jeter, Diane Jones, Nancy Jones, Karen Kendrick, Carey King, Rick King, R.C. Knightstep, Jimmy Knous, Ola Mae Lane, Tommy Leslie, Caroline Lewis, Peggy Lewis, Pat Martin, Ed Martinez, Ernest Mata, Dorinda Medford, Ray Minks, Donald Mitchell, Cruz Montanez, Jerry Moore, Virginia Morris, Harold Morrison, Linda Morton, Carol McCullough, Virginia McKee, Bettie McPherson, Betty McWhorter, Skipper Neill, Rita Nelson, Sandra Nichols, Sandra Nixon, Margaret Oliver, Shirley Osborn, Linda Page, Judy Parker, Dexter Pate, Judy Pate, Gene Patton, Johnny Paul, Greg Peay, Elton Perkins, Iva Mae Perkins, Jim Pierce, Bobby Prior, Mary Puga, Claudia Richardson, Winnora Richbourgh, Teresa Rocha, Mary Roger, George Ryan, Carolyn Seago, Carla Smauley, Chap Smith, Chester Smith, Danna Smith, Wyetta Smith, Marcus Sweatt, Jimmy Thomas, Robert Thomas, Perry Thompson, Guadalupe Tovar, Earlene Trantham, Margaret Turnbow, Jan Turney, Leola Vance, Leonilda Webb, Richard West, Lynda Whiteside, Troy Wilhite, Diane Womack, Margaret York, Jeri Cain.

• 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 or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• 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.

• 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](mailto: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 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.

• 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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**465 Minutes**

EARLY RELEASE 7:45 - 12:00

**255 Minutes**

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First Semester (81 Total)  
(76 Regular, 4 Early)

Second Semester (89 Total)  
(87 Regular, 2 Early)

- State Testing Days  
Dec 6-9 EOC retest  
April 4-6 Staar/EOC testing  
May 2-5 EOC/STAAR testing  
May 9-12 Staar testing  
June 20-23 EOC retesting  
June 20-21 Staar 5-8 retesting
- Begin 6 Wks
- End 6 Wks
- K-4 Parent Conf.-Early Release 12-12:15
- New Teacher Compliance/Academy
- Teacher Workday
- Professional Dev / Student Holiday
- Teacher/Staff Summer Comp Day
- Staff / Student Holiday
- State Testing
- Good Friday/Bad Weather Day
- Early Release Day 12:00 - 12:30 pm



Graduation 2023: May 26  
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# Coahoma ISD

## 2022-2023

### School Calendar

July 22	August 22	September 22	October 22	November 22	December 22	January 23	February 23	March 23	April 23	May 23	June 23	July 23
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1st Semester - 88 days (40,280 min)  
08/10/22-10/14/22 46 days (21,260 min) 10/17/22-12/21/22 42 days (19,020)  
2nd Semester - 81 days (37,010 min)  
01/09/23-03/10/23 41 days (18,810 min) 03/20/23-05/18/23 40 days (18,200 min)  
Total Instructional Minutes - 77,290 Professional Development Waiver Minutes - 2100 Total Minutes - 79,390

School Day - 7:50 AM-3:40 PM (470 MIN)  
Friday Release @ 3:00 PM (430 MIN)

- AUG 1-2 Professional Development (PD) Comp
- AUG 3-9 Staff PD
- AUG 10 First Day of Classes
- SEPT 5 Labor Day - Student/Staff Holiday
- SEPT 30 Staff PD/Student Holiday
- OCT 31 Student/Staff Holiday
- NOV 21-25 Staff PD Comp/Student Holiday
- DEC 22 - JAN 6 Christmas Holiday
- JAN 13 Staff PD/Student Holiday
- JAN 16 Staff PD Comp/Student Holiday
- FEB 17 Staff PD Comp/Student Holiday
- FEB 20 Student/Staff Holiday
- MARCH 13-17 Spring Break Holiday
- MARCH 31 Staff PD/Student Holiday
- APRIL 7 & 21 Student/Staff Holiday
- APRIL 28 Staff PD/Student Holiday
- MAY 18 Last Day of Classes/Early Release/Graduation
- MAY 19 & 22 Teacher Workday

## FORSAN ISD | 2022-2023 CALENDAR

AUGUST '22	FEBRUARY '23	SEPTEMBER '22	MARCH '23	OCTOBER '22	APRIL '23	NOVEMBER '22	MAY '23	DECEMBER '22	JANUARY '23
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17-Inservice / Student Holiday  
20 - PRESIDENT'S DAY Holiday  
5-LABOR DAY Holiday  
19-FLEX Day  
13-17 Spring Break  
6-FLEX Day  
07 Holiday GOOD FRIDAY  
10 - Holiday  
31- FLEX Day  
12 - BWD / Holiday  
19 - BWD / Holiday  
25-Last Day of Classes  
26- Inservice Day  
Summer  
19-23 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
26-30 HOLIDAYS  
2 - Holiday  
3-Inservice/Student Holiday  
16 - Holiday

### Student Days

1st Semester 81  
2nd Semester 90  
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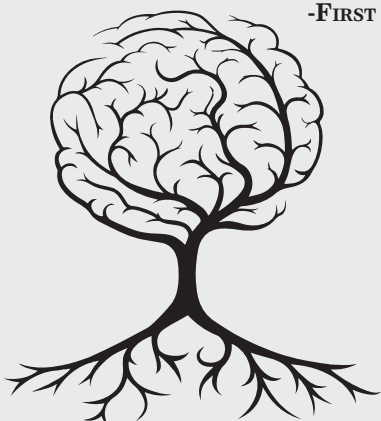




# Opinion

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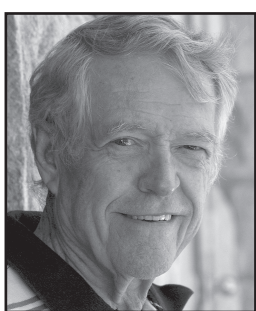
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## DAILY PRAYER

*Lord our God, grant that we may heed your commandments, that our peace may be like a river and our righteousness like the waves of the sea. Amen*

## The Big Spur In Spur

People who live in Spur, Texas have a lot of pride in their town. They are good neighbors and have respect for each other. They are good people. Spur has a population of around 1,200. The Dixie Dog, the town's only eating place, closed because of the pandemic. The closest place for travelers to get a meal is in Dickens, ten miles up the road. Dickens (population 300) is the county seat of Dickens County.



**TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

Spur has a big homecoming every October for anybody who went to school in Spur. The city has an ex-students building filled with memorabilia. In the year 2000, Spur celebrated its 100th birthday. Harry Bob Martin, a member of the historical commission, approached John Grusendorf, owner of a welding shop, and asked him to build a big monument in the shape of a spur. John told Harry Bob that he could do it, that he just needed some time. This was in the spring of the year and they wanted it finished by the homecoming celebration.

“So we got started on it,” says John. “Got through around the first of October. They came and picked it up and mounted it in concrete and had a big cel-

ebration and dedication as part of homecoming.” It's a metal structure 25 feet tall and 18 feet wide. It greets motorists as they come into town. At the time it was the tallest spur monument in Texas. It has since been eclipsed by a couple of others that are larger, but the one in Spur is authentic, designed by a local man who makes spurs. The dowel at the top of the big spur turns. John laid out the spur on the ground with stakes and ropes, then added the metal.

“The South Plains Electric Company brought a big trailer with a crane on it, hoisted that spur onto the trailer and drove it through town. At the site they dug big holes and stuck it in the ground I think ten or twelve feet, maybe more.”

John created a piece of art, something he had never done before. Three of his employees and his wife Sylvia worked on the monument.

“About the last two months I stayed on it by myself.”

I asked John if he got paid for it. “No, Sylvia and I donated the whole thing to the city. We enjoyed doing it. I did it for my grandkids and their kids so they can see what their old granddaddy did.”

John had his welding shop nearly 40 years. He and Sylvia, who now live in Dickens, are traveling a lot these days.

“We were tied down for so many years running the shoe, but now we're trying to make up for it.”

## Letters to the Editor

Aug. 10, 2022

Kudos to Troy Tompkins, District 5 City Councilman. You said at the Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, city council meeting what people have been trying to say for many months about the animal situation in Big Spring.

It seems to be falling on deaf ears. Devvy Kidd had many good ideas. Years ago when Russ McEwen was mayor of Big Spring, he suggested to me he wanted to form an Animal Control Board. We had a board of six people that met monthly along with Chad Williams and Stan Parker. We

had different events to adopt, spay and neuter, and chip pets. We had several fundraisers, including one at the Animal Shelter.

After we lost Russ the board fell by the wayside.

Again we have had people want to volunteer, network, transport animals, and months have passed with no solutions.

During Tuesday night's council meeting, it came on Facebook: a beautiful Australian Shepherd had spent 27 days in a shelter and would be euthanized soon for space. Guess what? Over 100 responses to this plea for help.

There are some people at work.

Thank you, Midland Animal Shelter, for finding a way to get the word out about these animals. Why can't we have someone who does this, and it will get the word out about these animals that need homes?

Thank you Maury Smith, District 6 Councilman, for supplying your phone number and being available at all times to the public.

Thanks again, Troy, for your interest in this matter.

**Jeanie Knocke**  
Big Spring, Texas

## A Letter From the Editor

Howdy Big Spring!



**ROGER CLINE**

A lot of you know me...I've been around this place longer than some, not as long as others.

I first started at the Herald in 2001, after moving to Colorado City to marry the love of my life, Shirley Limones. Some of y'all may remember her - she was the lab supervisor at Scenic Mountain. She had trouble hearing, but she never let it bring her down.

I lost Shirley in 2013. During the time I've lived here, I've finished two bachelor's degrees (English and Computer Science) at UTPB. This is my

third stint at the Herald. I left in 2003 to complete the English degree, and rejoined the staff in 2012, then left again in 2019 to take a job at the Snyder (then Daily - now not Daily) News, and came back again in 2021.

During the in-between times, I taught for five years at Big Spring High School and made ends meet by substitute teaching and delivering pizza.

But I love working at the Herald, and I'm here to stay.

**Roger Cline, Managing Editor**

## The Idle American

### When Odds Overwhelm...

As chapters of life unfold, unlikely coincidences occur that are so rare that surely providence is behind the steering wheel. No doubt whoever won that \$1.3 billion lottery will spend much of his/her remaining time on earth pondering the “what if's” of choosing such a long string of numbers in perfect order to hold the WINNING TICKET among the megamillions that weren't.

Oh, I know a few lesser winners cashed in, too, but most lottery participants held worthless pieces of cardboard, not unlike those who pick poorly at horse races.

Recently, a paper cut led me to a discovery that matters little now, since most of my check-writing days are passed and not too many folks use checks now. (Technology is galloping ahead of the masses at breathtaking speed.)

Then I learn that another man in an adjacent county made the same discovery, maybe on the same day. Had such occurred a few decades ago, we could have yelled it from the rooftops that we left-handers can do some things right! Millions of “lefties” could have abandoned sinking feelings of being lousy check-removers. (I confess to being among the 10% of American men who are--as jokers say--“wrong-handed.”) An even smaller percentage of women are “lefties.” Alas, we have long felt swept to the side, “left in the lurch.” Have you ever heard of anyone “right in the lurch?” I didn't think so...

Again, I digress, and it will happen again. How ere it was, because of the slight paper cut on my left hand, I held the checkbook with it, thinking it would be simpler for my right hand to remove the check. Really, how could I lose? For more than 60 years, checks taken from checkbooks have the rag-tag look of the losing pooch in a dog fight or appear to have been separated from the book by a rip saw.

The ease with which check removal with my right hand was magical. I could almost hear strumming violins, and I was cheered by thoughts that much was right with the world. It was so refreshing, in

fact, I tore out another check, just to make sure.

I bragged to my wife about the new discovery. She hemmed and hawed as if it was a total fluke. Such “hemmings and hawings” are nothing new after 56 years of marriage; I changed the subject, trying to remember if there were other checks I could write....

Later in the day, I visited my bank, sharing my experience. The bank lady--mistakenly thinking she had “heard it all”--shrieked with excitement. “You are not going to believe this,” she exclaimed. “But my husband, also left-handed, had the exact same experience the other day.”

I was gleeful. The odds of two guys sustaining paper cuts and using their “other hand” to tear out checks has to be comparable to a couple of fishing bobbers washing up on an island by the same wave after having been tossed overboard months earlier by two youngsters on a cruise ship, perhaps “ticked off” that pole fishing isn't permitted off the pool deck....

Okay, maybe that's a little extreme. To make such a discovery, though, sparkles--however faint the sparks may be. We “lefties” are so accustomed to “take it or leave it” status, even small victories such as this warrant parades at left-handers' conventions.

I tried to call some printing companies to see if there are logical reasons why “righties” find check-removal to be “easy-peasy.” My calls weren't returned. Oh, well.

We “lefties” have learned to sit in desks designed for right-handed people, perhaps with compromised seating postures to blame for handwriting so contorted that some teachers have either recommended counseling or seen one. The list of other inconveniences we have endured is endless, but space runs short. For a brief and shining moment, though, it was exhilarating to tear checks as efficiently as “righties” do....

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# Second Time Around

By STEVE BELVIN

Contributing Sports Writer

### GOING DOWN MEMORY LANE

Volleyball season is underway and here's hoping Kaitlyn Braswell can lead the Big Spring Lady Steers to another playoff berth. The Lady Steers are in the district with Snyder, Sweetwater, San Angelo Lake View, Lubbock Estacado and Levelland. Big Spring will be hard pressed to replace last year's District MVP Ryen Terrazas, who's taking her services to Odessa College. Big Spring has made it to the state tournament two times in school history. The first was back in 1977 when Rose Magers led the way. The most recent state appearance was back in 2013 in Class 3A. That year Big Spring made it to the state semifinals where they lost to eventual state champion Decatur. Decatur was so dominant that year that it didn't lose a single set at state. Big Spring, who was under the direction of Lynn Osbourne that year, finished the season with a 32-14 mark. Two stars on that team were Meagan Seaton and Kinsey Wash. In '77 Big Spring was 31-5, losing in the Class 4A state semifinals to Beaumont French.

### ENMU IN THE HOUSE

Evidently Howard College likes what it sees from Eastern New Mexico University. Recently Howard added another ENMU alumni by hiring Andrea Cline as the women's assistant softball coach. Cline joins fellow ENMU grad Ashley Lopez who is the Lady Hawks head softball coach. Like Lopez, Cline is a California native. She played softball and received her Bachelor's Degree from ENMU in 2021. Before attending ENMU Cline, who was a catcher, played for Arizona Western College This will be her first coaching job. Way to go ENMU!

### YOUTH SERVED AT U-20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Track Championships for the under 20 group held in Cali, Columbia, had some interesting moments. These are the best 16-19-year-old track and field athletes in the world. Emma Sralla, a senior-to-be at Lewisville Mound High School this year, is already a world champion. She threw the discus 184-feet, 2 inches to win the competition. Sralla, has dual citizenship

in the USA and Sweden. Her mother is from Sweden, therefore she represented Sweden. In May Sralla won the Class 6A discus state title throwing 174-3. She finished third in the shot put behind Favor Anyanwu of Garland Sachse and Midland Legacy Acosta. Here's another interesting fact. Jordan Anthony is a Mississippi native who's going to be a freshman wide receiver for the Kentucky Wildcats. Anthony was also one of the country's top high school sprinters. He qualified for the U-20 World Championships by winning the American Trials in 20.34. Instead, he turned down the international competition because he would have missed the first week of football practice. "I wanted to stay here because I wanted to learn the offense. I'm hoping to earn a spot in the wide receiver position. Track will always be waiting for me", he explained. Spoken like a young man that has his priorities straight.

### PATIENCE PAYS OFF

For Ivan Melendez it was well worth the wait. Locals may remember seeing the first baseman play baseball for Odessa College. The El Paso Coronado graduate played in 2019 and 2020 for the Wranglers and was an All-American player. He just capped off two good seasons for the Texas Longhorns, leading UT to the Final Four in the College World Series. In 2021 he was drafted by the Miami Marlins in the 16th round but decided to come back for his senior year. The dividend paid off. He had a great senior season, being named National Player of the Year, batting .387, hitting 32 home runs and driving in 94 runs. This year he was drafted in the second round, number. 43 overall by the Arizona Diamondbacks. He signed a bonus for \$1.4 million dollars. No doubt he gained a lot more money by staying in school one more year.

### GOLFERS FARE WELL

Hogan Park Golf Course was the site of the Midland Men's Championships this past weekend and familiar names fared well. Jeremy Stallings won the First Flight by recording a 54 hole score of 241. He shot 82-79-80. Stallings is the former Stanton and University of Florida track star in the 90's. In the Senior's Flight Wes Overton was the champ shooting a 75-78-75 for a score of 228, four strokes ahead of the second-place finisher. Overton coached at Big Spring High in the 80s and is currently the Midland Legacy golf coach.

# Cowboys-Broncos joint practice productive but chippy

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Although both teams hailed it as a productive day, the Dallas Cowboys' joint practice with the Denver Broncos on Thursday at times resembled an undercard at the Oscars instead of a prelude to Saturday night's preseason opener.

"Tempers flared a little bit but that's just the nature of football," Broncos linebacker Bradley Chubb said. "Everybody's out there competing and trying to get each other better."

The teams used both fields at UC Health Center, and the one with the Cowboys' offense and Broncos' defense featured more than a half-dozen skirmishes, including Denver defensive end Marquiss Spencer throwing a series of roundhouse punches at Dallas center Marc Farnick.

The arguments and altercations came on a scorching day that featured a capacity crowd of about 7,000 fans cheering and jeering the big plays by quarterbacks Dak Prescott and Russell Wilson.

"Yeah, we got better," Prescott said. "Obviously when you come out here and you're on the road playing in somebody else's practice environment, things can get chippy as you saw. Tensions are high. Emotions are high, first time going to get somebody else. But when you put all that to the side, look at the X's and O's, the way we executed, the way we communicated, we definitely took a step."

Wilson called it "a great day" for Denver's offense. "All the work we put in ever since me getting here

and all the work we put into collectively as a group, all the early mornings, six o'clock in the morning walkthroughs together as players, 7 a.m., or just all the late nights and days and all the communication and all the work, it really showed up today," Wilson said. "We were just so locked in on offense. I know the defense had a great day today, too."

Neither Wilson nor Prescott is expected to play Saturday night.

New Broncos coach Nathaniel Hackett has raised eyebrows by dialing back practices in his first NFL training camp as a head coach. He ditched the traditional 7-on-7 drills in favor of more 11-on-1 snaps and hasn't held a single 1-on-1 pass-rushing drill for the offensive and defensive linemen. His first camp has also featured relatively little contact in a quest to reach the regular season as healthy as possible.

That approach paid off Thursday as the Broncos seemed like the fresher team.

Chubb and teammate Malik Reed were particularly feisty, and Denver rookie outside linebacker Nik Bonitto recorded four sacks, including two of Prescott.

"We talked going into practice that this is where our blood, sweat and tears come out," Bonitto said. "It's where we work out in the offseason, where we've been working in training camp. We're not just going to let someone come in here and punk us. The home team really came out with a lot of aggression today. We wanted to set the tone for sure."

Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy said he and Hackett spoke beforehand and warned their players that anyone getting into a fight would be removed from the field, but nobody was ousted from the joint

practice.

Two Cowboys players got hurt. During punt coverage in the opening minutes of the workout, back-up tight end Ian Bunting collided with Broncos outside linebacker Aaron Patrick. After a couple of minutes, Bunting got to his feet, shunned the cart and walked off on his own. Later, defensive tackle John Ridgeway walked off with an unspecified injury.

Prescott lauded the work he got in going against the Broncos starters.

"This was great. This is what coach (McCarthy) told me early in the spring when he decided on this camp schedule, coming out here and practicing against these guys," Prescott said.

Prescott, who completed three long passes to CeeDee Lamb, said the teams' emotions cooled down enough for them to get their full work in by the end of the day.

Wilson said he was also pleased with how Denver's offense performed in the joint practice, something he said he never got to experience in 10 years in Seattle because the Seahawks never practiced against another team in the summer.

"I loved it," the ball too, "A lot of great players on that side of the ball, too, the Cowboys. So, it was a blast to play out there."

One player who was simply an observer was Broncos pass rusher Randy Gregory, who bolted Dallas in free agency and is recovering from shoulder surgery. He spent a lot of time catching up with his old teammates on the sideline.

"I think he just misses us," Prescott said with a smile. "We miss him, too."

# Valdez throws 7 scoreless, AL-best Astros beat Rangers 7-3

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — After moving one-half game ahead of the slumping New York Yankees for the AL's best record with a win over the Texas Rangers, the Houston Astros were already looking ahead to their next challenge.

They are determined to play better against the visiting Athletics this weekend after the AL West bottom-dwellers swept them in Oakland late last month.

"There's a lot of baseball left and we've got to keep working," catcher Martín Maldonado said. "We've got a new series coming up and we've got to take that series more seriously after we got swept by them last time. We've got ... to have that winning mentality, especially in those three games."

Framber Valdez threw seven shut-out innings, Maldonado and Alex

Bregman homered with three RBIs each, and the Astros beat the Rangers 7-3, on Thursday in manager Dusty Baker's return after he missed five games with COVID-19.

Valdez (11-4) allowed four singles and struck out eight to get his third straight win as the Astros improved to 72-41.

"It was outstanding to be back," Baker said. "Especially when you come back with the win and you come back with Framber throwing the game that he threw."

Houston roughed up rookie Cole Ragans (0-1) for five runs in 4 1/3 innings.

"He didn't have his best command and his best stuff today," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "But I will say he battled through the game."

Jeremy Peña and Jake Meyers hit consecutive singles with one out in the second inning before Maldonado's soaring shot made it 3-0.

Yuli Gurriel singled to start Houston's run, and Bregman's one-out home run clanged off the wall in left field, extending the lead to 5-0 and chasing the 24-year-old Ragans, who made his second major league start.

Ezequiel Duran singled with no outs in the third before Valdez hit Bubba Thompson with a pitch. A single by Adolis Garcia with two outs loaded the bases, but Valdez retired Jonah Heim to escape the jam.

Heim was the first of 11 straight batters Valdez sat down before Leody Taveras singled with one out in the seventh. Charlie Culberson sent Taveras to third with a single, but Valdez struck out Duran and Thompson to end the inning and his day.

"He pitched an outstanding game," Baker said. "He's very serious about his work and was very composed."

Thursday was Valdez's 19th straight quality start, which is the longest streak in the majors this season and

ranks second in franchise history. He has thrown a career-high 142 innings this season, which leads the AL.

Bregman helped the Astros pad the lead with an RBI single in the seventh inning and Aledmys Díaz extended it to 7-0 with a sacrifice fly.

Gurriel, who entered the game in an 0-for-12 slump, matched a season high with three hits.

Nathaniel Lowe and Taveras both hit RBI singles in the eighth inning to cut the lead to 7-2. Marcus Semien homered with two outs in the ninth.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers' RHP Joe Barlow (right index finger blister) is scheduled to make one more rehabilitation appearance before the team decides if he's ready to return.

Astros: LHP Blake Taylor (elbow inflammation) was set to begin a rehabilitation assignment at Houston's spring training complex in Florida.

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# Author Salman Rushdie stabbed on lecture stage in New York

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

CHAUTAUQUA, N.Y. (AP) — Salman Rushdie, whose novel "The Satanic Verses" drew death threats from Iran's leader in the 1980s, was stabbed in the neck and abdomen Friday by a man who rushed the stage as the author was about to give a lecture in western New York.

A bloodied Rushdie, 75, was flown to a hospital and was undergoing surgery, police said. His condition was not immediately known.

Police identified the attacker as Hadi Matar, 24, of Fairview, New Jersey. He was arrested at the scene and was awaiting arraignment. State police Maj. Eugene Staniszewski said the motive for the stabbing was unclear.

An Associated Press reporter witnessed the attacker confront Rushdie on stage at the Chautauqua Institution and punch or stab him 10 to 15 times as he was being introduced. The author was pushed or fell to the floor, and the man was arrested.

Dr. Martin Haskell, a physician who was among those who rushed to help, described Rushdie's wounds as "serious but recoverable."

Event moderator Henry Reese, 73, a co-founder of an organization that offers residencies to writers facing persecution, was also attacked. Reese suffered a facial injury and was treated and released from a hospital, police said. He and Rushdie were due to discuss the United States as a refuge for writers and other artists in exile.

A state trooper and a county sheriff's deputy were assigned to Rushdie's lecture, and state police said the trooper made the arrest. But after the attack, some longtime visitors to the center questioned why there wasn't tighter security for the event, given the decades of threats against Rushdie and a bounty on his head offering more than \$3 million for anyone who kills him.

Rabbi Charles Savenor was among the roughly 2,500 people in the audience. Amid gasps, spectators were ushered out of the outdoor amphitheater.

The assailant ran onto the platform "and started pounding on Mr. Rushdie. At first you're like, 'What's going on?' And then it became abundantly clear in a few seconds that he was being beaten," Savenor said. He said the attack lasted about 20 seconds.

Another spectator, Kathleen Jones, said the attacker was dressed in black, with a black mask.

"We thought perhaps it was part of a stunt to show that there's still a lot of controversy around this author. But it became evident in a few seconds" that it wasn't, she said.

Matar, like other visitors, had obtained a pass to enter the institution's 750-acre grounds, the president of the organization said.

The suspect's attorney, public defender Nathaniel Barone, said he was still gathering information and declined to comment.

Rushdie has been a prominent spokesman for free expression and liberal causes. He is a former president of PEN America, which said it was "reeling from shock and horror" at the attack.

"We can think of no comparable incident of a public violent attack on a literary writer on American soil," CEO Suzanne Nossel said in a statement.

Rushdie's 1988 novel was viewed as blasphemous by many Muslims, who saw a character as an insult to the Prophet Muhammad, among other objections. Across the Muslim world, often-violent protests erupted against Rushdie, who was born in India to a Muslim family.

At least 45 people were killed in riots over the book, including 12 people in Rushdie's hometown of Mumbai. In 1991, a Japanese translator of the book was stabbed to death and an Italian translator survived a knife attack. In 1993, the book's Norwegian publisher was shot three times and survived.

The book was banned in Iran, where the late leader Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a 1989 fatwa, or edict, calling for Rushdie's death. Khomeini died that same year.

Iran's current Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has never issued a fatwa of his own withdrawing the edict, though Iran in recent years hasn't focused on the writer.

Iran's mission to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Friday's attack, which led a night news bulletin on Iranian state television.

The death threats and bounty led Rushdie to go into hiding under a British government protection program, which included a round-the-clock armed guard. Rushdie emerged after nine years of seclusion and cautiously resumed more public appearances, maintaining his outspoken criticism of religious extremism overall.

He said in a 2012 talk in New York that terrorism is really the art of fear. "The only way you can defeat it is by deciding not to be afraid," he said.

Anti-Rushdie sentiment has lingered long after Khomeini's decree. The Index on Censorship, an organization promoting free expression, said money was raised to boost the reward for his killing as recently as 2016.

An Associated Press journalist who went to the Tehran office of the 15 Khoradad Foundation, which put up the millions for the bounty on Rushdie, found it closed Friday night on the Iranian weekend. No one answered calls to its listed telephone number.

In 2012, Rushdie published a memoir, "Joseph Anton," about the fatwa. The title came from the pseudonym Rushdie had used while in hiding.

Rushdie rose to prominence with his Booker Prize-winning 1981 novel "Midnight's Children," but his name became known around the world after "The Satanic Verses."

Widely regarded as one of Britain's finest living writers, Rushdie was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2008 and earlier this year was made a member of the Order of the Companions of Honor, a royal accolade for people who have made a major contribution to the arts, science or public life.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson tweeted that he was "appalled" that Rushdie was stabbed "while exercising a right we should never cease to defend."

The Chautauqua Institution, about 55 miles southwest of Buffalo in a rural corner of New York, has served for more than a century as a place for reflection and spiritual guidance. Visitors don't pass through metal detectors or undergo bag checks. Most people leave the doors to their century-old cottages unlocked at night.

The center is known for its summertime lecture series, where Rushdie has spoken before.

"We were founded to bring people together" to learn and look for solutions to major problems, institution President Michael Hill said. "Now we're called to take on fear and the worst of all human traits: hate."



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# VALOR



*Community honors first responders with quilts during ceremony Thursday*



*Courtesy photos/Amanda Duforat*

Top (l-r), Big Spring Police Officer Samuel Mpagi, Big Spring Firefighter Austin Childers and Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Daily were presented with Quilts of Valor during a ceremony Thursday evening. Above left, members of the public congratulate Daily and thank him for his service. Above center, Quilt of Valor presenter Mike Tarpley of Big Spring wraps Childers in his quilt. Above right, Mpagi strides into the Dora Roberts Community Center between Scouts and Young Marines holding flags.

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Contributing Writer

No matter the branch, no matter the service, the sacrifice was made and deserving of honor. On Thursday evening, the community came together to recognize three local first responders in a quilt ceremony. Honorees included Big Spring Police Department's Samuel Mpagi, Howard County Sheriff's Office Mark Daily, and Big Spring Fire Department's Austin Childers.

"The individuals being awarded here this evening first served our nation in military service and now continue to serve in civil capacity as first responders for their community," Ed Meiser, DAV of Big Spring Commander, said.

"As a past Quilt of Valor recipient

I felt honor and recognition, but also humbled and undeserving. When that quilt was wrapped around me that day, I asked 'Why me Lord?' as many veterans do that lost comrades ... why was I spared over them. Why did plans change that I was not on that helicopter that day that was shot down ... with all aboard being killed. My friends, like real heroes, many did not come back alive and many are still missing."

Commander Meiser continued, "It doesn't matter what you served as a mission, you and your family sacrificed for our country and our freedom ... with that you deserve recognition, honor, respect from a grateful nation. From one veteran to another, we got your back."

The Quilt of Valor ceremony honoring first responders took place at

the Dora Roberts Community Center and was opened up with the presentation of colors by members of the Boy Scouts and Cross Roads Young Marines followed by the National Anthem sung by Nichole Negron.

Before the veterans were presented with their quilt, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman shared appreciation on behalf of Howard County. In her speech she rendered honor to those who have served our country, especially those three being honored. Following, Big Spring City Manager Todd Darden also shared appreciation on behalf of the citizens of the community.

"There is less than one percent of our population who have chosen to live a life of service to their country. It is important that we honor those brave men and women for that ser-

vice," Mike Tarpley said. "The Quilt of Valor presentation is designed to show veterans that they do not have to travel the road alone and whether they are surrounded by family and friends or far from them, they are not forgotten and there are those who are thinking of them."

Howard County Sheriff Deputy Mark Daily served in the United States Air Force from 1975 until he retired in 1994. While in the service he was stationed in the San Antonio area, Idaho, and Abilene. Daily completed technical school and ground defense training in December 1975 at Lackland AFB. His first duty assignment was also at Lackland AFB until 1979 where he served as a law enforcement specialist, criminal

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# QUILTS

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investigator, game warden, and part time instructor at Camp Bullis. He also went overseas where he was stationed in Guam and Turkey. While serving in Guam, he served as a liaison to the Armed Forces Police Department working with the Guam Police Department on assigned duties pertaining to questionable/unexplained deaths and homicides. After honorably retiring from the Air Force in July 1994, he began his career in law enforcement working for the Cisco, Texas Police Department. As law enforcement he worked for Big Spring Police Department, Lamesa Police Department and currently serves as Court Security and Bailiff for the Howard County Court.

Big Spring Firefighter Sgt. Austin Childers, native of West Texas, served in the United States Army. While in the service he was deployed to Iraq twice, the first time was in 2003 for combat duty and again in 2006 when he was squad leader of six.. He enlisted as Infantry Mortar Man, 11C in the Army and completed basic training at Fort Benning Army Base in Georgia. Childers joined the Big Spring Fire Department after being honorably discharged from the military. During his service, he earned many medals and awards including Army Commendation Medal with V Device for Valor during a combat operation. Childers serves as a firefighter/paramedic.

Big Spring Police Officer Samuel Mpagi served in the United States Army. He has been in the United States since 2010 and earned citizenship in 2014. Mpagi was born in Uganda, Africa and joined the U.S. Army in 2013. While in the Army he served as

a mechanic assigned to work on Blackhawk Helicopters and earned rank of PFC before being medically retired after injuries from a fall in 2015. He joined the BSPD in 2019 and serves in the Patrol Division and SWAT Team.

The Quilts of Valor organization is the result of a dream brought to fruition. A Gold-Star Mother, Catherine Roberts, had a dream while she was waiting on her son to return from service. During the recent presentation Tarpley described the dream.

"Katherine described the dream as vivid as real life. She saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. There was a permeating feeling of despair. I could see his war demons clustered down into an emotional gutter," Tarpley read. "Katherine continued, it was as if in a movie. She saw him wrapped in a quilt and his whole demeanor changed. There was now a sense of hope and well being... quilts equal healing."

Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization founded in 2003 by a "Blue Star" mom, Catherine Roberts. The idea of finding a way to provide comfort for veterans came to her while her son was deployed in Iraq. While he was deployed, she constantly felt 10 seconds away from panic and those feelings turned into quilt making.

"I received my quilt one day in the mail and I was lucky to have my wife and my mother around me when I opened it," Quilts of Valor local presenter Mike Tarpley, said. "Since then I guess you could say I have been honored with many quilts that I have been able to present to our veterans."

Since the founding of the organization, more than 300,000 quilts have been awarded in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. With each quilt the mission to honor service members and

veterans is fulfilled - one human-being reaching out and touching another without judgment, reaching out with acceptance and with acknowledgement of service to our nation in very trying circumstances.

"The Quilts of Valor Foundation recognizes war demons that plague soldiers from all wars. There are thousands of quilters across the United States working to make these quilts to cover our warriors, from all conflicts," Tarpley said.

The quilts are made up of three layers: the top with its many colors, shapes and fabrics represent the community and the many individuals we are; the batting - filler - is the center of the quilt, its warmth.

"This second layer represents the hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who receives it," Tarpley said during the presentation.

The backing is the final layer and it represents strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, communities and nation. Each of the stitches holding the layers together represent love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker. Each quilt represents the three-part message from the givers to the recipient.

"We honor you for your service. We honor you for leaving all you hold dear and to stand in harm's way in a time of crisis, protecting us from the effects of war," Tarpley said. "Next, we know that freedom is not free. The cost of freedom is the dedication of lives of men and women like you, and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice."

He continued, "Finally, this quilt is meant to offer comfort to you and to remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our thoughts and hearts."

## Getty Museum in LA to return illegally exported art to Italy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles is returning ancient sculptures and other works of art that were illegally exported from Italy, the museum announced Thursday.

The Getty will return a nearly life-size group of Greek terra-cotta sculptures known as "Orpheus and the Sirens," believed to date from the fourth century B.C., according to the museum.

The sculpture group was purchased by J. Paul Getty in 1976 shortly before his death and had been on display for decades.

However, the museum now believes they were illegally excavated and taken out of Italy, based on evidence uncovered by the Manhattan district attorney's office, the Getty said in a statement.

"It's just extremely rare and there's nothing similar in our collection, or

closely similar in any collection," Getty Museum director Timothy Potts told the Los Angeles Times. "It does leave a hole in our gallery but with this evidence that came forth, there was no question that it needed to be sent back to Italy."

The fragile sculptures will be sent to Rome in September to join collections designated by the Italian Ministry of Culture, the Getty said.

The museum also is working with the Ministry of Culture to arrange the return of four other objects at a future date. Those include a "colossal marble head of a divinity" and a stone mold for casting pendants, both from the second century A.D., along with an Etruscan bronze incense burner from the fourth century B.C. and a 19th century painting by Camillo Miola entitled "Oracle at Delphi," the Getty said.

## Jon Batiste leaves Stephen Colbert's 'The Late Show'

By **MARK KENNEDY**  
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jon Batiste, his career soaring after winning multiple Grammys this year, is leaving his perch as bandleader of "The Late Show" after a seven-year run backing up host Stephen Colbert.

"We've been so lucky to have a front row seat to Jon's incredible talent for the past seven years," Colbert said on Thursday's show. "But we're happy for you, Jon, and I can't wait to have you back on as

guest with your next hit record."

Louis Cato, who has served as interim bandleader this summer, will take over on a permanent basis when the show returns for its eighth season. He has been with the show since its launch. Cato has worked with the likes of Beyonce, Mariah Carey and John Legend and is working on a new album. Colbert called him a musical genius.

"He can play basically every instrument over there," Colbert said. "Give him an afternoon, he'll learn how to play

Mozart on a shoehorn."

Batiste has toured globally with his band Stay Human and made a memorable stop at Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" in 2014. When producers of "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" were considering having a house band the following year, Batiste and Stay Human were a natural fit.

The mutual respect Colbert and Batiste shared was obvious. The bandleader often cheered the comedian's nightly monologue from the piano, appeared in segments and accompanied the musical guests.

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**Friday:** Battered fish, tartar sauce, sweet potato waffle fries, okra, oatmeal cookies, milk.

## Anne Heche on life support, survival of crash 'not expected'

By **LYNN ELBER and ANDREW DALTON**  
AP Entertainment Writers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anne Heche is on life support after suffering a brain injury in a fiery crash a week ago and her survival isn't expected, according to a statement from a representative.

The actor, who is in a coma and in critical condition, is being kept on life support for possible organ donation, according to the statement released Thursday night on behalf of her family and friends.

Heche, who's been hospitalized at the Grossman Burn Center at West Hills hospital north of Los Angeles, suffered a "severe anoxic brain injury," the statement said. Such an injury is caused by a sustained lack of oxygen to the brain.

"She is not expected to survive," the statement said. "It has long been her choice to donate her organs and she is being kept on life support to determine if any are viable."

On the morning of Aug. 5, Heche's car smashed into a house in a neighborhood in west Los Angeles and a fire erupted with the car embedded inside the home.

Earlier Thursday, police said they were investigating Heche for driving under the influence. Detectives with a search warrant took a sample of her blood and found narcotics in her system, LAPD spokesperson Officer Jeff Lee said.

Toxicology tests, which can take weeks to complete, must be performed to identify the drugs more clearly and to differentiate

them from any medication she may have been given for treatment at the hospital.

Evidence is still being gathered from the crash, police said, and they would present a case to prosecutors if it is warranted when the investigation is complete.

A representative for Heche declined comment on the investigation.

On Tuesday, Heche spokesperson Heather Duffy Boylston said she had been in a coma since after the accident, with burns that required surgery and lung injuries that required the use of a ventilator to breathe.

"Anne had a huge heart and touched everyone she met with her generous spirit. More than her extraordinary talent, she saw spreading kindness and joy as her life's work — especially moving the needle for acceptance of who you love," Thursday's statement said. "She will be remembered for her courageous honesty and dearly missed for her light."

Heche, 53, was among the most prominent film stars in Hollywood in the late 1990s, playing opposite actors including Johnny Depp ("Donnie Brasco") and Harrison Ford ("Six Days, Seven Nights"). In a 2001 memoir, she discussed her lifelong struggles with mental health.

She recently had recurring roles on the network TV series "Chicago P.D." and "All Rise," and in 2020 was a contestant on "Dancing With the Stars."



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## Chamber happenings...

• Big Spring Education Employees FCU



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce presented a banner to the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union Tuesday, thanking the credit union for its investment in the local community.

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a thank you presentation for the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union Tuesday with Ashley Fowlkes, CEO in attendance.

"We have thank you presentations once a week," said Debbye ValVerde Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and added that the chamber holds the presentations once to thank area businesses for their investment and involvement in the community.

Loan officer Mendy Ward and head teller Eneida

Smith both were honored to receive the thank you presentation and are grateful for the chamber's gratitude and support for the financial institution.

While the name may be misleading, Ward wants to remind the people of Big Spring that BSEFCU is a community credit union and open to anyone.

"We enjoy our customers and want to help them build their credit," said Smith and added that they are having a refinance special. Contact the credit union for more information or visit their website for more details about the many services they offer.

Big Spring Education FCU is open Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Dealing with thyroid issues in pets

Special to the Herald

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION, Aug. 12, 2022 — The thyroids are small but important glands located in the neck that produce hormones affecting all aspects of metabolism and many other vital body functions. Dogs or cats experiencing problems with the thyroid can have a variety of physical symptoms and behavioral changes.

The majority of thyroid problems in pets are because of an underproduction of thyroid hormones, known as hypothyroidism, or an overproduction of thyroid hormones, known as hyperthyroidism.

In the first part of a two-part series on thyroid conditions, Dr. Kathleen Aicher, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, discusses hypothyroidism and how it can impact our canine and feline friends.

"Thyroid problems are encountered commonly in veterinary medicine, but they tend to affect dogs and cats differently," Aicher said. "Cats commonly develop hyperthyroidism and very uncommonly develop hypothyroidism, while dogs commonly develop hypothyroidism and rarely develop hyperthyroidism."

A pet with hypothyroidism will often be less active than usual and may have changes to its skin and hair, such as dull/brittle fur, hair thinning, symmetrical hair loss, and scaling of the skin. They may also be intolerant of cold, have inappropriate weight gain, demonstrate neurological abnormalities, have reproductive abnormalities, and, in rare cases, become critically ill.

Hypothyroidism most often occurs in dogs when an autoimmune disease affects the thyroid glands or the thyroid tissue atrophies (shrinks in size); it also can sometimes occur if a drug is disrupting the synthesis of thyroid hormones.

"When cats develop hypothyroidism, it is most often caused by over management of their hyperthyroidism," Aicher said. "Rarely, cats can have congenital hypothyroidism or can develop it spontaneously as adults."

When a pet is tested for thyroid problems, their veterinarian will take into account any illnesses the animal is experiencing or medications it is taking.

"There are some patients who may appear hypothyroid on their lab results but do not actually have hypothyroidism (known as 'sick euthyroid syndrome')," Aicher said. "Therefore, a veterinarian will evaluate drug history, clinical signs, other lab work abnormalities, and maybe even additional thyroid testing to make the diagnosis with confidence."

Fortunately, treating hypothyroidism is usually relatively simple.

"If there is a drug, dietary, or environmental exposure that could be causing a thyroid problem in a patient, it should be taken away first," Aicher said. "However, the majority of thyroid problems are not created this way and there are well-established medical treatment options for spontaneous hypothyroidism."

The most common treatment is a daily dose of a thyroid hormone replacement medication, which will bring the hormones back up to normal levels.

A diagnosis of hypothyroidism may seem scary, but with help from a veterinarian, treatment can be easy and effective and will allow the pet to get back to normal in no time.

*Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be found on the Pet Talk website. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.*

## HTeaO treats the Herald



Courtesy photo

Editor's note: When this photo/caption originally ran in Friday's edition, Aimee Gomez's name was incorrectly listed as "Aimee Garcia." Apologies for the error, and thanks again for the tea!

The good folks from Big Spring's HTeaO tea shop, 911 S. Gregg St., stopped by the Big Spring Herald's offices Wednesday with a care package of their sweet flavored teas. The Big Spring location opens for business Aug. 19. Shown from left are HTeaO's Aimee Gomez, and the Herald's Trinity Fuentes, Rick Nunez and Angela Lance.

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## Texas Crop and Weather Report

## Texas rice yield better than expected, prices better than last year

Special to the Herald

Rice yield reports were surprisingly good despite hot, dry conditions, and prices were up, but so were input costs, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research expert.

Lee Tarpley, Ph.D., AgriLife Research plant physiologist, Beaumont, said harvest is close to the mid-point for the main Texas rice crop. Sunny days have allowed harvest equipment to push the pace in most fields though some areas have received rainfall, which could mean delays.

"Yields have actually been pretty good – average to above average, so far," he said. "Producers have been taking advantage of the good harvesting weather and were moving along pretty quickly."

Rice yield reports better-than-expected

Tarpley attributed the better-than-expected results to lower pest and disease pressure, which is likely due to low moisture and humidity levels from drought. Some producers were reporting poor grain quality in rice, likely due to heat stress, but instances of lower grain quality were "here and there."

A timely harvest could be important for rice producers to maximize the ratoon crop potential, Tarpley said.

Ratoon rice crops are a second crop of rice that is produced from plant regrowth following a cutting. Many producers break even with the main rice crop and find profits with the ratoon crop, Tarpley said.

Ratoon fields are typically cut to 8-to-10-inch stubble height during the main harvest, Tarpley said, and new growth from the stubbles' lower nodes typically produces decent secondary yields.

But delays to harvest can lead to higher cuts, which means the ratoon crop is produced from upper branches. Tarpley said the upper branches can bring grains to maturity quicker, but yields are much lower.

Delays could be of greater concern this year because most Texas rice fields were planted later than usual, he said. Fields typically planted in early March were planted in late March or early April this season due to low temperatures and/or rain.

The late start could exacerbate any delays as rice producers prepare and cut their main crop at a height best suited to produce mature ratoon crop grains before temperatures drop below about 50 degrees in the fall, Tarpley said.

Tarpley said some fields east of Houston received heavy rains over the weekend that will likely delay harvest for multiple days. Rice fields around Bay City and other rice-producing areas have high potential to receive rainfall for the next couple of weeks.

"Folks who haven't harvested may be delayed and struggle to squeeze in a harvest," he said. "They need to get the ratoon crop up and running to get the good yields related to that lower

stubble cut and in time to beat cold weather that typically shows up in November."

Another concern for Texas' ratoon crop could be potential water restrictions due to continued drought, Tarpley said. Restrictions have already cut off canal irrigation in areas west of Houston, which will prevent ratoon crop production for affected producers.

Rice acres stagnant, prices up slightly

Tarpley said planted acreage was down somewhat but still good at 175,000 acres. Texas rice producers planted 186,000 rice acres in 2021 and 181,000 in 2020.

"The planted acres number was better than expected," he said. "There was some concern that some producers might not plant because of the high input costs."

Texas long-grain rice was \$30-\$32.25 per hundredweight for white and \$33.50 per hundredweight for brown rice, according to the Aug. 8 U.S. Department of Agriculture report. Last year, overall prices for Texas rice were more than \$2 higher – \$30.70 per hundredweight – than the five-year average of \$28.50 per hundredweight.

Rice prices did not follow other grains like wheat and corn to historic highs following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, he said. Tarpley said India's government was subsidizing production to dominate the market with lower-priced rice.

Prices did start climbing in May and remain slightly better than last year. But as input costs like fertilizer and diesel increased to historic highs, price potential for growers rice remained relatively stagnant, Tarpley said.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

## CENTRAL

Dry conditions continued. Soil moisture levels were very short. Corn harvest was nearing completion with reduced yields reported. Grain sorghum was a failure. Cotton continued to hang on despite high temperatures and low moisture, and yield potential was looking below average. Concerns were setting in about getting wheat established with limited soil moisture. Pasture conditions were very poor and continued to decline. Cattle body condition scores were beginning to decrease due to poor grazing conditions. Producers were feeding hay and other forage supplements but were culling cattle. Stock tanks/ponds were a major concern, and many were going dry.

## ROLLING PLAINS

Conditions were hot and dry. Sporadic rains were received. Pastures were mostly brown. Some fieldwork was done in preparation for wheat planting. Many corn, sorghum and forage crops were failures. Some corn producers were reporting 25% harvestable grain. Some sorghum fields were heading out. Cotton yields were expected to be down with most cotton in northern areas struggling

from drought. Livestock producers were providing supplemental feed or selling animals. Water sources were starting to get low, and hay supplies were limited. Producers were testing forage for prussic acid and nitrate poisoning before turning cattle on pastures.

## COASTAL BEND

Isolated showers were reported, but the district remained in extreme drought. Cotton and rice harvests were underway and progressing quickly in the hot, dry weather conditions. Cotton yields were below normal. All corn and sorghum fields were harvested. Rangeland and pastures were worsening, and even well-managed pastures were in poor shape. A little hay under irrigation was being harvested. Cattle producers were actively baling corn, grain sorghum and rice stubble as alternative forages in response to the current drought, but there were concerns about nitrates and prussic acid. More cattle were being taken to local auctions as pastures and resources were depleted. The pecan crop looked good, and fungal problems have been nonexistent with the lack of moisture; producers were having to water heavily.

## EAST

The district received a little rainfall, but storms caused heavy damage and did not relieve drought conditions. Polk County reported increased wildfire activity. Pasture and rangeland conditions were very poor. Subsoil and topsoil conditions were very short. Many producers were feeding hay or cubes or a combination for supplementation. Beef cattle herds continued to be sold off. Stock pond and creek water levels were drying up. Anderson County reported a problem with grasshoppers.

## SOUTH PLAINS

The district received a brief rain shower, but conditions remained very dry. Some dryland cotton was beginning to bloom, but plants were only about 6 inches tall. Bollworms were beginning to pick up in non-Bt cotton. Corn earworm numbers increased as the corn dried down.

## PANHANDLE

Some parts of the Panhandle received much-needed rainfall. Southern parts of the district received from 2-6 inches of rain. Large portions of the district remained extremely dry. Producers in areas that received significant rains should have enough moisture to finish off the cotton crop and have some soil moisture to get early planted wheat to emerge. While the rain was most beneficial for the crops, it did not take long for the moisture to dissipate due to extremely high temperatures. Irrigation continued for most of the district. Rangeland and pasture conditions were very poor to poor. Crop conditions were fair to good.

## NORTH

Topsoil moisture throughout the district was very short. Some counties received scattered showers, but hot, windy conditions persisted. Sorghum was harvested for grain and

then baled for hay. Grass along the sides of roadways was being baled for hay as well. Hay prices continued to rise, and people were getting desperate. Crops and pastures without irrigation were suffering. More cattle were being sold weekly as grazing and hay supplies continued to decline.

## WEST CENTRAL

Daytime temperatures remained over 100 degrees, and conditions continued to decline. Some field preparation began in hopes that rain would allow fall planting of small grains. Cotton was progressing fast with the sun and heat. Corn and sorghum harvests started and was almost complete because of the low number of acres. Yields were down. The pecan crop was going to be very short. Fewer cows were at the local sale barn this week because so many were sold off already. Ranchers were trying to hang on to the nucleus of the herd, but hay was at an extreme premium if it could be found.

## SOUTHWEST

Hot, dry conditions continued throughout the district. There were a few scattered rain showers in some areas, but none provided meaningful rainfall. Pumping capacity for irrigation wells continued to decline in places. Fortunately, crops in many of those fields were mature and yields will not be severely impacted. Corn and sorghum harvests neared completion with below-average yields reported. Cotton was maturing. Pastures continued to decline, and supplemental feeding of livestock continued. Livestock were being sold due to the short supply and cost of hay.

## SOUTH

Northern, eastern and western parts of the district reported very short soil moisture levels and southern areas reported very short to adequate soil moisture. Daytime temperatures were at or above 100 degrees daily with a high of 110 degrees reported. Crop and grazing conditions declined due to the extreme heat. Irrigated crops, including watermelons and cantaloupes, were faring well. Corn was completely harvested, and the cotton crop was at the mid-season point. Some cotton showed signs of moisture stress/wilting. Producers reported corn, sorghum or cotton failures. Cotton harvest was in full swing in some areas, and bales were being delivered to gins. Peanut fields continued to develop pods under irrigation. Citrus and sugarcane were receiving irrigation. Pecan orchards were doing well. Bermuda grass stem maggot infestations were reported by local producers, and hay fields were being prepped for the next cutting. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline with little to no grazing available for livestock and wildlife. Supplemental feeding continued and was necessary to maintain body condition scores. Local beef cattle producers continued to thin their herds. Water levels were extremely low, and some producers were hauling water. Whitetail deer fawn and quail crops were not expected to be good.

## Wall Street builds on gains, heads for 4-week winning streak

By DAMIAN J. TROISE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rose broadly in mid-day trading on Wall Street Friday and added to weekly gains for the major indexes.

The S&P 500 rose 0.9% as of 11:34 a.m. Eastern and roughly 85% of stocks in the benchmark index gained ground. It is on track for its first four-week winning streak since last year.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 188 points, or 0.6%, to 33,525 and the Nasdaq rose 1.2%.

Small-company stocks also made strong gains in a sign that investors are confident about the econo-

my. The Russell 2000 rose 1.3%.

Technology and communications stocks had some of the biggest gains. Chipmaker Nvidia rose 2.9% and Facebook's parent Meta rose 1.7%.

Energy companies lagged the market as U.S. oil prices slipped 2.4%. Chevron fell 1.5%.

Trading has been choppy throughout much of the week, but major indexes got a big bump, and made the bulk of their gains, on Wednesday after a report showed that inflation cooled more than expected last month.

The Federal Reserve's fight to tame higher prices remains a priority for Wall Street. Investors

have been hoping to see some relief from the hottest inflation in four decades and stocks rallied on Wednesday after an encouraging report on consumer prices from the Labor Department.

The Fed has been raising interest rates in the hopes of slowing the economy and cooling inflation, but investors are worried that it could be hitting the brakes too aggressively and risks steering the economy into a recession. The cooler-than-expected reading on consumer prices bolstered hopes among investors that inflation may be close to a peak and that the Fed might be able to temper its rate hikes.

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## Marriage Licenses

Joe Correa, 63, and Nora Hernandez Garcia, 62, both of Big Spring.

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Luis G. Ortiz Villapando, 28, and Barbara Mattison Counts, 28, both of Big Spring.

Amy Brooke Bayes, 41, and Sheena Marie Howell, 37, both of Big Spring.

Alexander Ray Alvarez, 24, and Deann Nicole Conner, 22, both of Big Spring.

Kolby Walter Fields, 31, and Courtney Ladale Henderson, 30, both of Big Spring

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Respondent: State of Texas

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Respondent: Latresa Brown

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Respondent: Paula Solis

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Plaintiff: Zeita Mase

Respondent: Charles Mase

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Plaintiff: Tiffany Christopher

Respondent: Andrew Christopher

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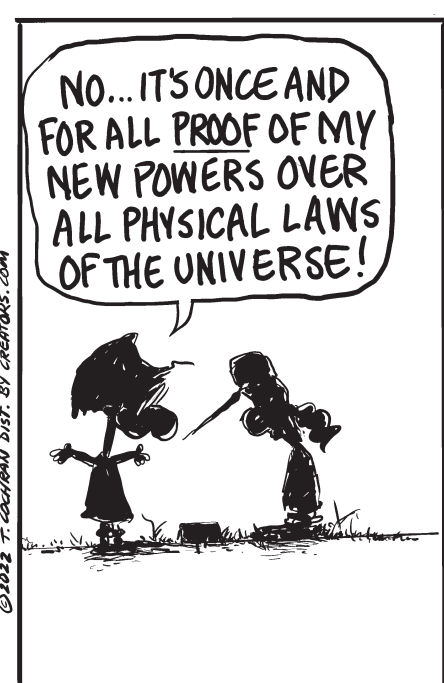
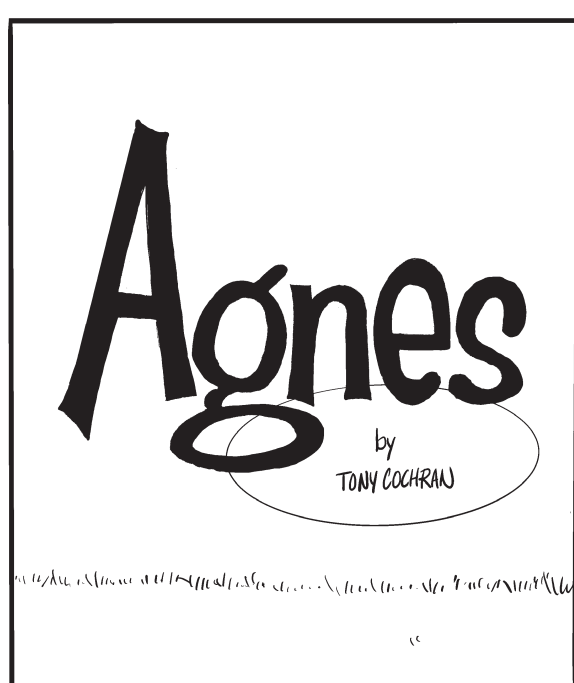
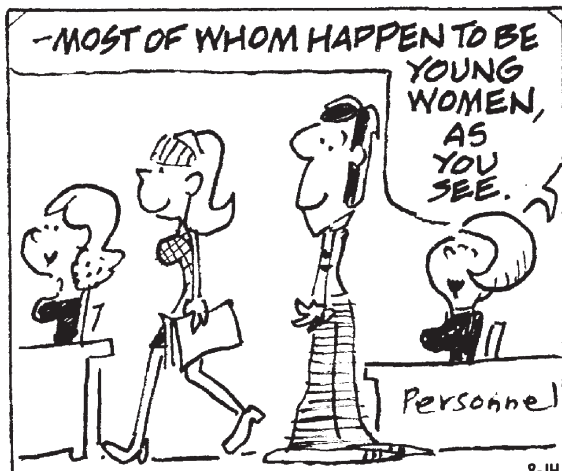
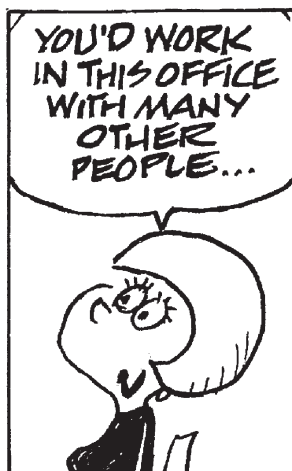
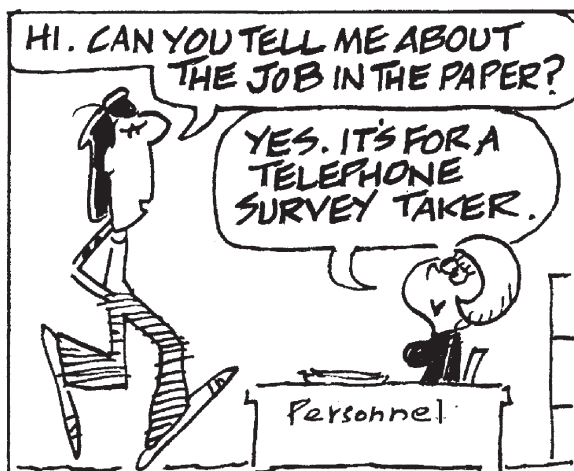
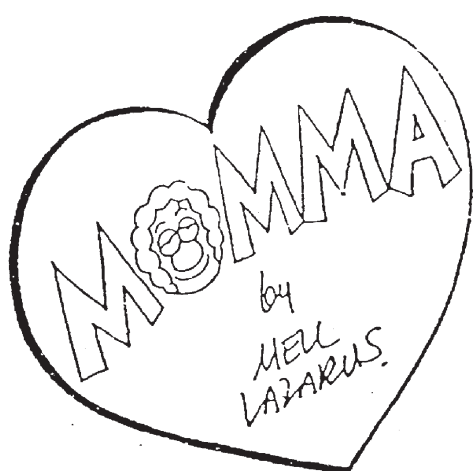
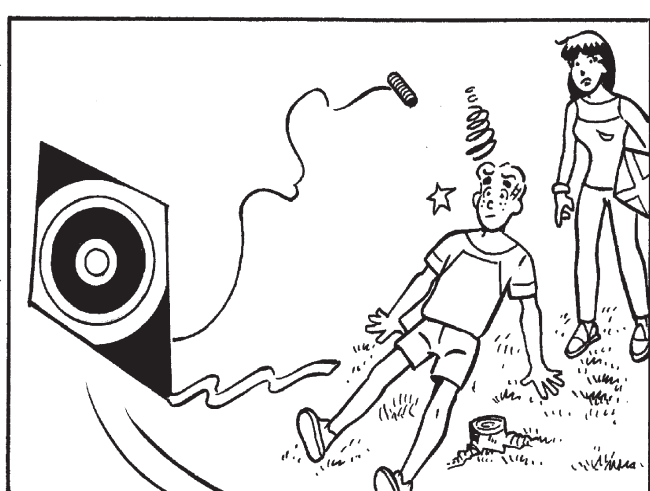
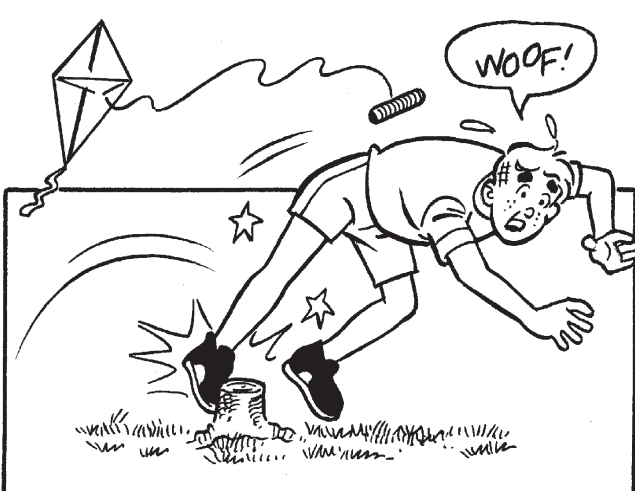
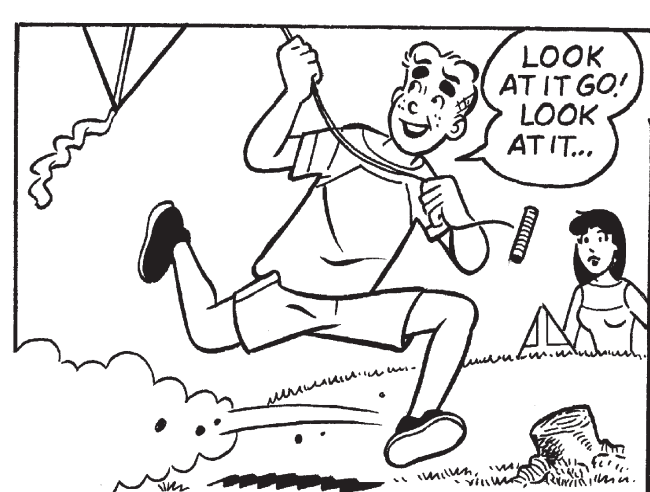
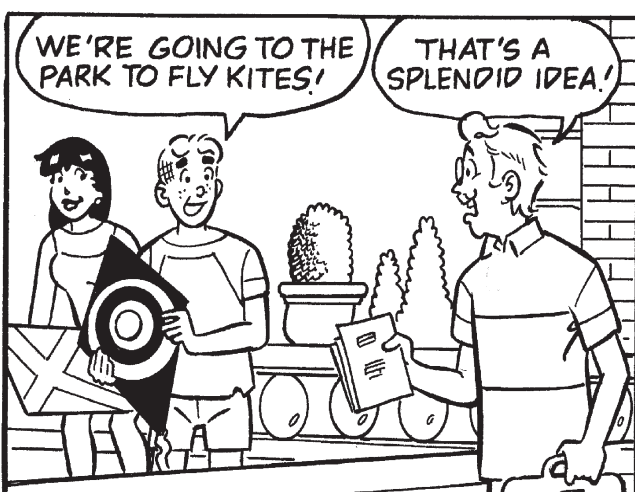


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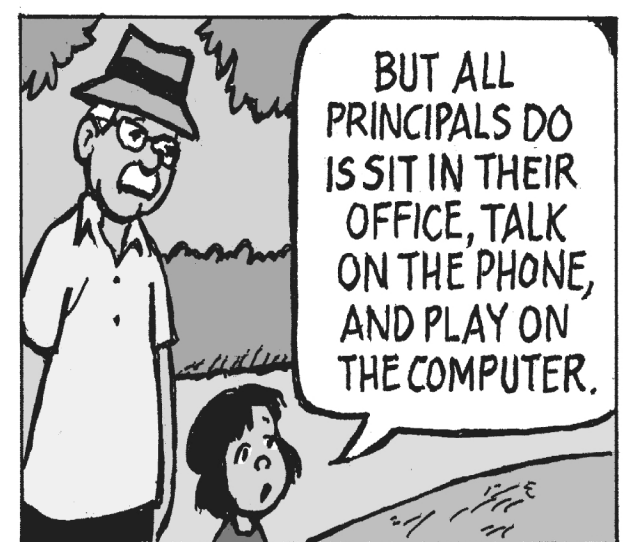
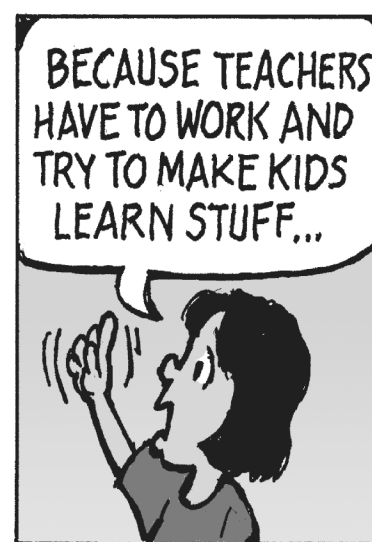
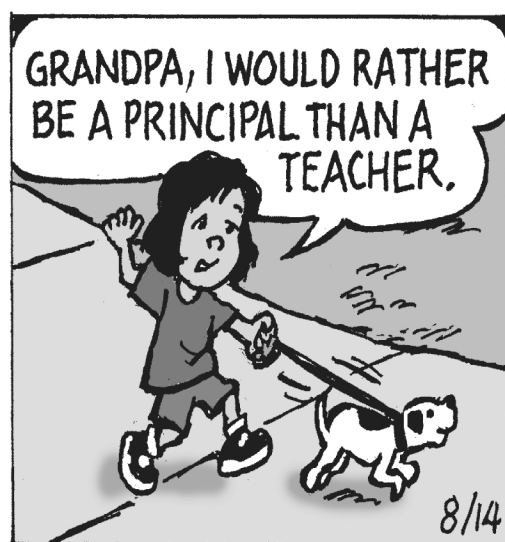
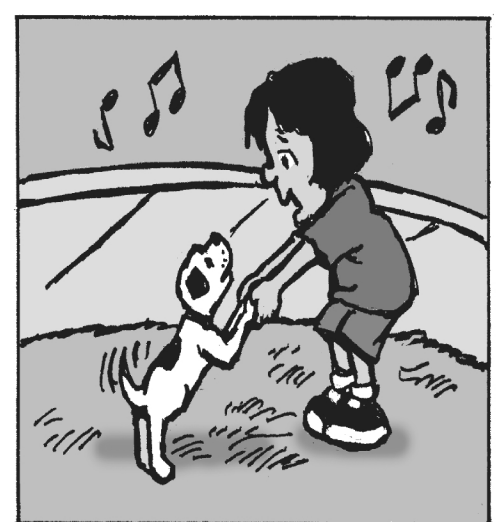
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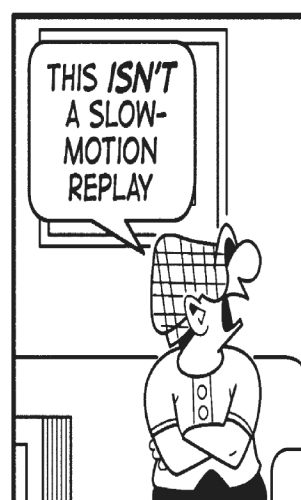
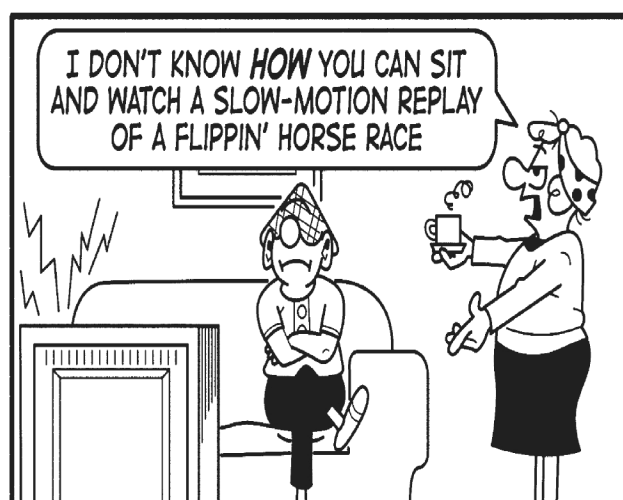
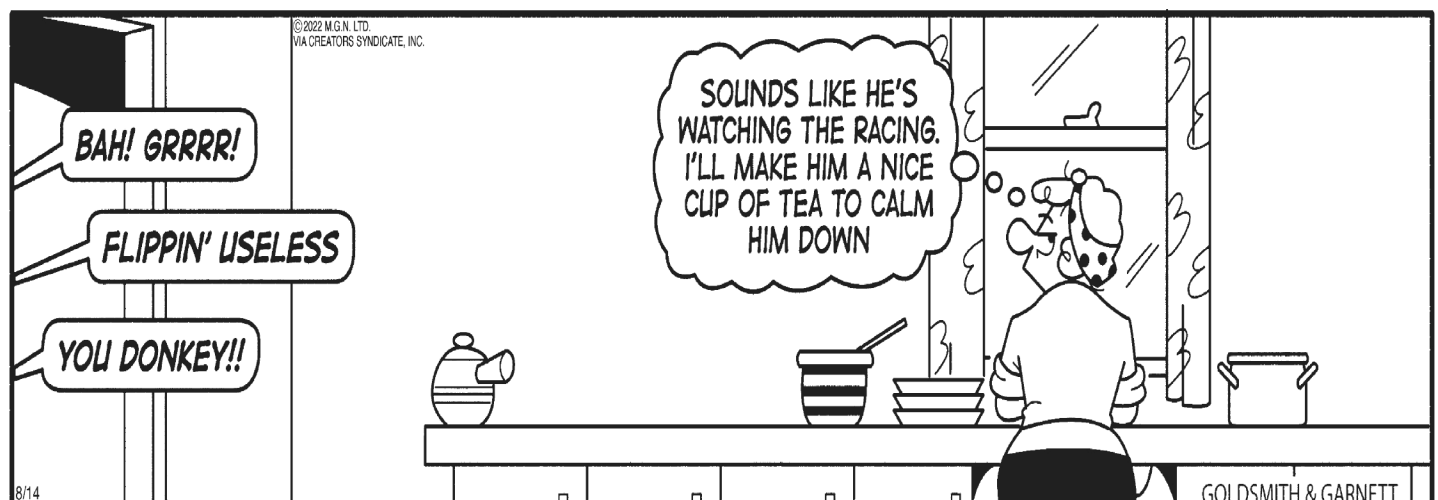
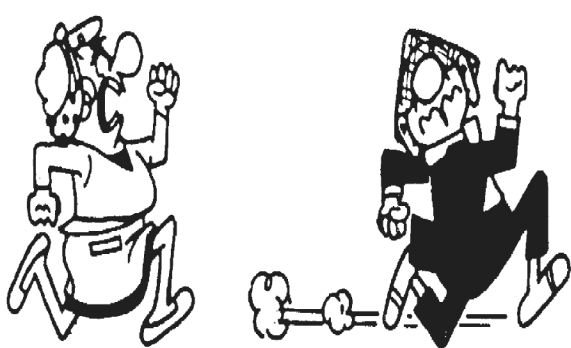


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The Big Spring Herald is looking to fill a Staff Writer position

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For additional information visit [www.crmwd.org](http://www.crmwd.org)

### Public Notice

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Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648  
(432) 264-3620 · Fax (432) 264-3646

### NOTA LEGAL/DE PÚBLICA

La Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en la Carrera y el Programa Tecnología dentro del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring ofrece la carrera y los programas de la educación de la tecnología en la Educación de la Agricultura, en la Economía de Consumidor y Familia, en el Comercio y la Educación Industrial, en la Carrera de la Educación del Negocio de Preparación, y en la Educación Industrial de la Tecnología. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el interés, la aptitud, la conveniencia de la edad, y la espacian del clase disponible.

Es la política del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring de no discriminar a base de raza, de color, de origen nacional, o sexo, ni a base la desventaja en sus programas de la carrera y la tecnología, en los servicios, o en las actividades como requerido por el Título VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1964, cuando enmendado; el Título IX de las Enmiendas de la Educación de 1972; y la Sección 504 del Acto de Rehabilitación de 1973, cuando enmendado.

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El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring torará los pasos para asegurar esa falta de habilidades del idioma ingles no será una barrera a la admisión y la participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información acerca de sus procedimientos de derechos o queja, contacte al Coordinador del Título IX o Coordinador de la Sección 504, en las Oficinas Administrativas del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring, en lugar 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, el número de teléfono (432)264-3600.



### Public Notice

AVISO DE INTENCION DE SOLICITAR LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

8/14/2022  
Ciudad de Big Spring  
310 Nolan St.  
Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657  
(432) 264-2400

### SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

Alrededor del 31/8/2022, la Ciudad de Big Spring presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas para la liberación de los fondos del Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque de Desarrollo Comunitario bajo la Sección

104 del Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, según enmendada, para llevar a cabo un proyecto conocido como Sidewalk and street reconstruction, mejoras de accesibilidad y reemplazo de la línea de flotación en Main Street. , CDM21-0350 con el propósito de las mejoras designadas en el área del centro de la ciudad que incluyen la reconstrucción de aproximadamente cuatrocientas noventa yardas cuadradas (490 s.y.) de acera; ociento sesenta yardas cuadradas (160 s.y.) adoquines; riego asociado y conducto eléctrico para uso futuro; quinientos veinticinco pies lineales (525 l.f.) de bordillo y canaleta;

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0336006  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 9, 2022 Status/Permit No. 882021

NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 30, 2022  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas

ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HIGHPEAK ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 385826] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 36, Bk. 26, H&TC RR CO / GREENE, S W Survey, A-1047, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 4.2 miles SE direction from VINCENT, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

### THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : COLE 36-37 B UNIT  
Lease/Unit Well No. : L 7H  
Lease/Unit Acres : 640.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 560.0

Lease Lines : 21.0 F NORTH L, 851.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines : 21.0 F NORTH L, 851.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 400.0 F SOUTH L  
142.0 F EAST L

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

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

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

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

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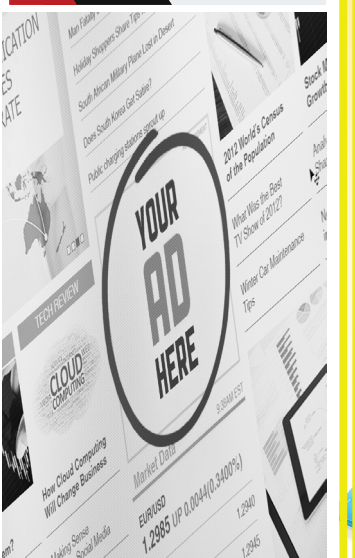
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cinco (5) rampas ADA con reparación de pavimento relacionada; reemplazo de aproximadamente cuatrocientos quince pies lineales (415 l.f.) de línea de agua y accesorios asociados; conducto para un futuro gasoducto que cruza Main Street de aproximadamente cien pies lineales (100 l.f.); reparación de pavimento relacionada para actualizaciones de servicios públicos; y reconstrucción de aproximadamente trescientos veinte pies lineales (320 l.f.) de carretera que utiliza aproximadamente mil ochocientas yardas cuadradas (1,800 s.a.) de material. La Ciudad planea realizar las reparaciones antes mencionadas en Main Street, entre 1st y 2nd Street. El proyecto propuesto incluye el reemplazo de la acera para la cuadra completa en el lado oeste de Main Street y para la media cuadra norte en el lado este de Main Street y las actividades administrativas y / o de ingeniería asociadas, por un costo estimado de \$ 307,900.00 en fondos de HUD y \$ 46,200.00 en fondos que no son de HUD. El proyecto está ubicado de la siguiente manera: A lo largo de Main Street, entre 1st y 2nd Street, en 2nd Street y Johnston Street, y a lo largo de 2nd Street que va desde Scurry Street hasta Runnels Street. Si los fondos lo permiten, el proyecto también incluirá mejoras públicas del derecho de paso en 2nd Street y Johnston Street para incluir reparaciones en las aceras e instalación de rampas ADA, y reparación de costuras obsoletas a lo largo de 2nd Street que van desde Scurry Street hasta Runnels Street.

HALLAZGO DE NO IMPACTO SIGNIFICATIVO

La ciudad de Big Spring ha determinado que el proyecto no tendrá un impacto significativo en el medio ambiente humano. Por lo tanto, no se requiere un Reglamento de Impacto Ambiental bajo la Ley de Política Ambiental Nacional de 1969 (NEPA). La información adicional del proyecto está contenida en el Registro de Revisión Ambiental (ERR) en el archivo 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 y puede ser examinada o copiada de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes.

Un Registro de Revisión Ambiental (ERR) que documenta las determinaciones ambientales para este proyecto está archivado en 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 y puede ser examinado o copiado de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. de Monday hasta el viernes.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS

Cualquier individuo, grupo o agencia puede enviar comentarios por escrito sobre el ERR a la Ciudad de Big Spring en [showles@mybigspring.com](mailto:showles@mybigspring.com). Todos los comentarios recibidos antes del 30/08/2022 serán considerados por la Ciudad de Big Spring antes de autorizar la presentación de una solicitud de liberación de fondos.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY DARLENE MURPHY, DECEASED

Notice is given that on August 8, 2022, the Glasscock County Court granted letters testamentary to GROVER WILLIAM MURPHY JR., as independent executor of the estate of NANCY DARLENE MURPHY, deceased, in Cause No. CC-467-P. All persons having claims against the estate must present their claims within the time prescribed by law to the executor c/o his attorney Gregory E. Martin at Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder, Inc., 550 W. Texas Ave., Suite 800, Midland, TX 79701.

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LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technical Programs within the Big Spring Independent School

Public Notice

District

The Big Spring Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Consumer and Family Economics, Trade and Industrial Education, Business Education Career Preparation, and Industrial Technology Education. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.

It is the policy of the Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its career and technology programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Big Spring Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, at Big Spring I.S.D., Administrative Offices, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Phone Number (432) 264-3600.

El aviso final y la explicación pública de una actividad propuesta se encuentran en una llanura de inundación de 100 años

Para: Todas las agencias, grupos e individuos interesados

Esto es para notificar que la Ciudad de Big Spring ha llevado a cabo una evaluación según lo requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y / o 11990, de acuerdo con las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para Tomar Decisiones sobre el Manejo de Llanuras aluviales y Protección de Humedales. La actividad está financiada por el Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario de Texas y CDM21-0350. Los proyectos propuestos se encuentran en Along Main Street, entre 1st y 2nd Street, en 2nd Street y Johnston Street, y a lo largo de 2nd Street que va desde Scurry Street hasta Runnels Street en Big Spring, Condado de Howard. Las mejoras propuestas en el centro de la ciudad incluyen la reconstrucción de aceras y calles, mejoras de accesibilidad y reemplazo de líneas de flotación en Main Street en el área designada del centro de la ciudad para abordar las aceras deterioradas y no relacionadas con la ADA que resultan en tráfico peatonal peligroso y carreteras deterioradas que resultan en una amenaza potencial para la seguridad pública y un acceso reducido, y para evitar problemas frecuentes de mantenimiento e interrupciones en el servicio.

Las mejoras propuestas en el área del centro de la ciudad incluyen la reconstrucción de aproximadamente cuatrocientas noventa yardas cuadradas (490 s.y.) de acera; ciento sesenta yardas cuadradas (160 s.y.) adoquines; riego asociado y conducto eléctrico para uso futuro; quinientos veinticinco pies lineales (525 l.f.) de bordillo y canaleta; cinco (5) rampas ADA con reparación de pavimento relacionada; reemplazo de aproximadamente cuatrocientos quince pies lineales (415 l.f.) de línea de agua y accesorios asociados; conducto para un futuro gasoducto que cruza Main Street de aproximadamente cien pies lineales (100 l.f.);

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reparación de pavimentos relacionada para actualizaciones de servicios públicos; y la reconstrucción de aproximadamente trescientos veinte pies lineales (320 l.f.) de carretera utilizando aproximadamente mil ochocientas yardas cuadradas (1,800 s.a.) de material. La Ciudad planea realizar las reparaciones antes mencionadas en Main Street, entre 1st y 2nd Street. El proyecto propuesto incluye el reemplazo de la acera para la cuadra completa en el lado oeste de Main Street y para la media cuadra norte en el lado este de Main Street.

Si los fondos lo permiten, la construcción adicional del proyecto incluirá mejoras públicas en el derecho de paso en 2nd Street y Johnston Street para incluir reparaciones de aceras e instalación de rampas ADA, y reparación de alcantarillado obsoleto a lo largo de 2nd Street que va desde Scurry Street hasta Runnels Street.

Todas las mejoras propuestas caen en una zona de inundación de la Zona AE y la Zona X que atraviesa la Ciudad de Big Spring según FEMA. El trabajo se dispersará en aproximadamente .39 acres de llanura de inundación.

La Ciudad de Big Spring ha considerado las siguientes alternativas y medidas de mitigación que se deben tomar para minimizar los impactos adversos y restaurar y preservar los valores naturales y beneficiosos:

A. Ubicar el sitio del proyecto dentro de la llanura de inundación

Este sitio del proyecto cumple con los requisitos de las necesidades actuales de peatones y agua y alcantarillado de la Ciudad en el área designada del centro de la ciudad y no desplaza a los residentes. El proyecto como se propuso originalmente no causaría daños a la llanura de inundación y sus funciones naturales porque el pavimento, la acera, el bordillo y la canaleta, y la línea de flotación ya existen y simplemente serán reemplazados o reparados. Nada de lo descrito en la descripción del proyecto alterará los grados lo suficiente como para tener un impacto en la llanura de inundación. Es posible que se necesiten controles adicionales de erosión / sedimentos y se garantizaría que el contratista no almacene equipos y / o materiales en la llanura de inundación.

B. Ubicar el proyecto fuera de la llanura de inundación.

Reubicar o reemplazar en un área diferente de la ciudad

La propuesta se puede modificar para reemplazar la acera, las rampas, el bordillo y la canaleta, el pavimento y la línea de flotación en una nueva área de la Ciudad de Big Spring. Sin embargo, esto no afectaría ninguna de las áreas de necesidad como se describe en la descripción del proyecto o afectaría el área designada del centro de la ciudad de Big Spring según lo requerido por la categoría y la fuente de financiamiento. Tal como están las áreas designadas del centro de la ciudad de Big Spring en la mayor necesidad de reparación se encuentran en llanuras de inundación. Los residentes se beneficiarían enormemente del reemplazo de la acera, la acera y la canaleta y la reconstrucción de calles, mejoras de accesibilidad y reemplazo de líneas de flotación, ya que estas actividades abordan múltiples preocupaciones y amenazas a la seguridad pública, que incluyen: aceras deterioradas y no reclamadas por la ADA que resultan en tráfico peatonal peligroso y carretera deteriorada que resulta en una amenaza potencial para la seguridad pública y un acceso reducido, y problemas frecuentes de mantenimiento e interrupciones en el servicio de servicios públicos.

C. Ninguna acción o acciones alternativas que sirvan al mismo propósito

No se consideró ninguna alternativa de acción, sin embargo, el Anexo A del contrato de subvención original con el Departamento de Agricultura de Texas describió las necesidades críticas de

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las necesidades críticas de acera, carretera, servicios públicos y accesibilidad en el área designada del centro de la ciudad. Mostró que las líneas actuales de aceras, carreteras y servicios públicos estaban deterioradas y necesitaban mejoras, causando problemas continuos de mantenimiento e interrupción del servicio para la Ciudad. Además, el área del proyecto carece de accesibilidad segura y ADA para los peatones que atraviesan el área designada del centro de la ciudad. El

La ciudad de Big Spring ha reevaluado las alternativas a la construcción en la llanura de inundación y / o humedal y ha determinado que no tiene una alternativa practicable. Los archivos ambientales que documentan el cumplimiento de los pasos 3 a 6 de la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y / o 11990, están disponibles para inspección pública, revisión y copia a pedido en los horarios y lugares delineados en el último párrafo de este aviso para recibir comentarios.

Hay tres propósitos principales para este aviso. En primer lugar, las personas que pueden verse afectadas por actividades en llanuras aluviales y/o humedales y aquellos que tienen interés en la protección del medio ambiente natural deben tener la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y proporcionar información sobre estas áreas. En segundo lugar, un programa de aviso público adecuado puede ser una herramienta educativa pública importante. La difusión de información y la solicitud de comentarios públicos sobre llanuras aluviales y / o humedales puede facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos e impactos asociados con la ocupación y modificación de estas áreas especiales. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de equidad, cuando el gobierno federal determine que participará en las acciones que se llevarán a cabo en llanuras aluviales y / o humedales, debe informar a aquellos que pueden ser puestos en mayor o continuo riesgo.

Los comentarios escritos deben ser recibidos por la Ciudad de Big Spring por correo electrónico a [showles@mybigspring.org](mailto:showles@mybigspring.org) o en la siguiente dirección 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 en o antes del 8/29/2022 12:00:00 AM: Ciudad de Big Spring 310 Nolan St. Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657 Atención: Robert Moore, Alcalde

También se puede revisar una descripción completa del proyecto de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes en la misma dirección

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity is located in 100-year floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Big Spring has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and CDM21-0350. The proposed project(s) is located at Along Main Street, between 1st and 2nd Street, on 2nd Street and Johnston Street, and along 2nd Street running from Scurry Street to Runnels Street in Big Spring, Howard County. The proposed downtown improvements include sidewalk and street reconstruction, accessibility improvements, and waterline replacement on Main Street in the designated downtown area in order to address deteriorated and non-ADA complaint sidewalks resulting in hazardous pedestrian traffic and deteriorated roadway resulting in a potential threat to public safety and reduced access, and to prevent frequent maintenance issues and disruptions in service.

The proposed designated downtown area improve-

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ments include reconstruction of approximately four hundred ninety square yards (490 s.y.) of sidewalk; one hundred sixty square yards (160 s.y.) pavers; associated irrigation and electrical conduit for future use; five hundred and twenty-five linear feet (525 l.f.) of curb and gutter; five (5) ADA ramps with related pavement repair; replacement of approximately four hundred fifteen linear feet (415 l.f.) of water line and associated appurtenances; conduit for a future gas pipeline crossing Main Street of approximately one hundred linear feet (100 l.f.); related pavement repair for utility updates; and reconstruction of approximately three hundred twenty linear feet (320 l.f.) of roadway utilizing approximately one thousand eight hundred square yards (1,800 s.y.) of material. The City plans to conduct the aforementioned repairs on Main Street, between 1st and 2nd Street. The proposed project includes sidewalk replacement for the full block on the west side of Main Street and for the northern half-block on the east side of Main Street.

If funds allow, additional project construction will include public right of way improvements on 2nd Street and Johnston Street to include sidewalk repairs and installation of ADA ramps, and repair of outdated sewer along 2nd Street running from Scurry Street to Runnels Street.

All proposed improvements fall in a Zone AE and Zone X flood zones that runs through the City of Big Spring according to FEMA. The work will be scattered across approximately .39 acres of floodplain.

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The City of Big Spring has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

A. Locate the Project Site Within the Floodplain

This project site meets the requirements of the City's current pedestrian and water and sewer needs in the designated downtown area and does not displace residents. The project as originally proposed would not cause damage to the floodplain and its natural functions because the pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and waterline are already in existence and will merely be replaced or repaired. Nothing described in the project description will alter grades enough to have an impact on the floodplain. Additional erosion/sediment controls may be needed and it would be ensured that the contractor doesn't store equipment and/or materials in the floodplain.

B. Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain

Relocate or replace in a different area of town

The proposal can be modified to replace sidewalk, ramps, curb and gutter, pavement, and waterline in a new area of the City of Big Spring. However, this would not impact any of the areas of need as described by the project description or impact the designated downtown area of the City of Big Spring as required by the funding category and source. As it stands the designated downtown areas of the City of Big Spring in the greatest need for repair are located in floodplains. Residents would greatly benefit from the replacement of sidewalk, curb and gutter and street reconstruction, accessibility improvements, and waterline replacement as these activities address multiple concerns and threats to public safety including: deteriorated and non-ADA complaint sidewalks resulting in hazardous pedestrian traffic and deteriorated roadway resulting in a potential threat to public safety and reduced access, and frequent maintenance issues and disruptions in utility

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service.  
C. No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose

No action alternative was considered however the Exhibit A of the original grant contract with the Texas Department of Agriculture outlined the critical sidewalk, roadway, utility and accessibility needs in the designated downtown area. It showed the current sidewalk, roadway and utility lines were deteriorated and needed improvement, causing ongoing maintenance and service disruption issues for the City. Additionally, the project area lacks safe, ADA accessibility for pedestrians traversing the designated downtown area. The proposed project would provide the improvements needed in order to provide a higher quality of life for those living in the City of Big Spring and those visiting the designated downtown area.

The City of Big Spring is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program and, therefore, any structure owned by the city that is located in the flood zone must be covered by flood insurance. For this reason, the city will maintain flood insurance for all project locations in

City of Big Spring has re-evaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and/or wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and/or wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and/or wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains and/or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by City of Big Spring via email at [showles@mybigspring.org](mailto:showles@mybigspring.org) or at the following address 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 on or before 8/29/2022 12:00:00 AM: City of Big Spring 310 Nolan St. Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657 Attention: Robert Moore, Mayor

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday at the same address.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

8/14/2022  
City of Big Spring  
310 Nolan St.  
Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657  
(432) 264-2400

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 8/31/2022 the City of Big Spring will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Section 104 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Sidewalk and street reconstruction, accessibility improvements, and waterline replacement on Main Street., CDM21-0350 for the purpose of desig-



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ated downtown area im-
provements including recon-
struction of approximately
four hundred ninety square
yards (490 s.y.) of sidewalk;

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placement for the full block
on the west side of Main
Street and for the northern
half-block on the east side of
Main Street and associated
administration and/or engi-
neering activities, for an esti-
mated cost of \$307,900.00 in
HUD funds and \$46,200.00 in
non-HUD funds.

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will have no significant im-
pact on the human environ-
ment. Therefore, an Environ-
mental Impact Statement un-
der the National Environ-
mental Policy Act of 1969
(NEPA) is not required.

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All comments received by
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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Big Spring has
determined that the project

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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comments on the ERR to the
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By Steve Becker

Careful play foils the defense

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

- A 7 4
K Q 8 7
Q J 3
A 5 2

EAST

- Q J 9 5
J 6 3 2
8 7 4
8 7 3

SOUTH

- K 8 3
5
A K 10 9 6
K Q 7 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 3 Pass
4 Pass 4 NT Pass
5 Pass 6

Opening lead — ten of clubs.
Let's say you're in six diamonds
and West leads the ten of clubs.
How would you proceed? If you
fail to treat the hand with the
respect it deserves, you'll finish
down one — assuming best defense.
For example, if you win the club,
draw trump and lead a heart toward
dummy, West follows low, and

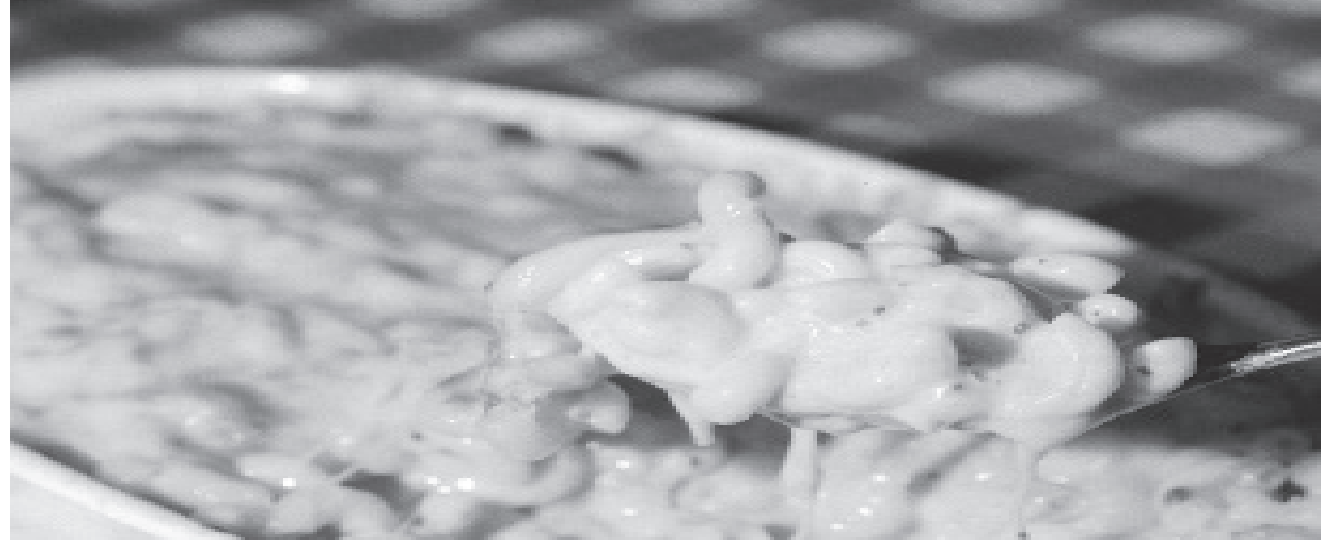
sooner or later you lose a spade
and a club.

The best approach, after winning
the club lead with the king, is to
play a heart immediately. If West
takes the ace, you have 12 tricks, so
let's assume he lets you win with
dummy's queen.

Now you cash the A-Q of trump,
leaving one trump at large, then
play the ace and another club
toward your queen, hoping to find
the suit divided 3-3. East produces
the jack on the ace, then goes into
deep thought trying to decide
whether or not to ruff the five.

Actually, it doesn't matter what he
does. Let's suppose he trumps the
club. In that case, you play low
from your hand, retaining the
queen of clubs. With all the adverse
trumps now out of circulation, you
can later discard a spade from
dummy on the club queen and
make the slam by ruffing a spade in
dummy.

If East does not ruff the third
round of clubs, you are on equally
firm ground. After winning with
the queen, you ruff the seven of
clubs with the jack of trump to
produce your 12th trick.



Cheese is the focus of
classic comfort dish
(266 words, US, UK,
CAN)

Much like bacon,
cheese makes many
meals more flavorful.
When cheese is the
centerpiece of a dish,
cheese lovers know it
will be tasty and po-
tentially even a little
addictive.

Such is the case with
macaroni and cheese.
Many people have a
go-to mac and cheese
recipe in their culinary
repertoire that they pull
out anytime they desire
some cheesy goodness.
For those looking for
a new mac and cheese
recipe, "Crusty Mac
and Cheese" from

"Virgil's Barbecue
Road Trip Cookbook"
(St. Martin's Press) by
Neal Corman is com-
fort food at its finest.
This version has a little
spiciness for an added

flavor kick.
Crusty Mac and Cheese
Serves 4-6

- 1 pound elbow
macaroni
1/2 teaspoon kosher
salt
1/8 teaspoon
ground white pepper
1/2 cup chicken
stock
3/4 cup heavy
cream
1/2 tablespoon
Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tablespoon hot
sauce
1/2 tablespoon Cre-
role mustard
1 1/4 cup Cheese
Wiz®
8 ounces sharp
cheddar cheese, shred-
ded

- 1. Preheat the oven to
350 F. Grease a 2-quart
baking dish.
2. Boil the macaroni
in a 2-quart saucepan
filled the water, until it

is al dente, or still has
some snap when you
bite it. Strain the pasta
and rinse thoroughly
with cold water. Set
aside.

3. Combine the re-
maining ingredients,
except for the shredded
cheese, in a medium
saucepan over medi-
um heat. The mixture
should be barely sim-
mering. Whisk period-
ically. Cook for 7 to 10
minutes.

4. In a large mixing
bowl, combine the
cheese sauce with the
pasta and about one-
third of the shredded
cheese. Transfer to the
baking dish, covering
with the remaining
shredded cheese, and
bake covered for 10
minutes.

5. Uncover and bake
for 15 minutes more, or
until the top is golden
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