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Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 74. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

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Monday: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1pm, then showers and thunderstorms likely after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Lower property taxes on Commissioners' agenda Monday

By ROGER CLINE
 Managing Editor

Howard County Commissioners will consider approval of the county's proposed tax rate and budget for 2022-23 when they meet Monday. A workshop on the budget will begin at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the second-floor conference room at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St., and the regular Commissioners' Court session will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the third-floor County Courtroom.

Under County Auditor Jackie Olson's portion of the agenda, commissioners will hold a public hearing on the budget before considering adopting it. According to legal notices filed with the Big Spring Herald, commissioners have proposed a budget increase of \$1,528,826 over the current year's, a hike of 7.93 percent. According to the notice, new property on the county's tax roll would raise \$36,013 in property tax revenue under the plan under consideration.

After commissioners vote on the proposed budget, they will open a public hearing on the tax increase under consideration.

The proposed tax rate is \$0.238916 per \$100 valuation, a rate which is equal to – but not over – the Voter-Approval Tax Rate. Since the proposed rate is not higher than the Voter-Approval rate, it would not trigger a Voter-Approval Election.

The proposed rate would bring in new revenue for the county; the No-New-Revenue rate is \$0.220452 per \$100 valuation. Although the proposed rate will bring in new revenue and so technically represents a tax increase for the county, the rate is significantly lower than the current year's tax rate of \$0.327545 per \$100. Where the average taxpayer forked over \$317.26 to the county in 2021-22, that same taxpayer will pay just \$249.66 in 2022-23.

Nevertheless, the if the rate is adopted, the county will bring in more total revenue next year. In 2021-22, the county

levied \$19,283,925 in taxes on all properties; in 2022-23, that number will jump to \$20,812,751.

After the public hearing on the tax "increase," commissioners will consider ratifying the property tax and setting the tax rate for 2022-23 before approving an order levying the tax rate.

At the outset of the 3:30 p.m. meeting, Judge Kathryn Wiseman will present an item regarding the proposed purchase of active assault medical equipment.

Next, County Treasurer Sharon Adams will present personnel considerations, the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July, and the Monthly Payroll Report.

Olson's portion of the meeting is next. She will present invoices, purchase requests, and budget amendments for the commissioners' consideration; as well as the Monthly Financial Report.

Next, Olson will present the items on the proposed Budget and Tax Rate,

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Today in History
 On August 20-21

Aug. 20, 1858: Charles Darwin first publishes his theory of evolution through natural selection in *The Journal of the Proceedings of the Linnean Society of London*

Aug 21, 1831: Nat Turner leads slaves and free blacks in a rebellion in Southampton County, Va.,

Daily Quotes

"We Americans have no commission from God to police the world."
 — Benjamin Harrison

"If you play a tune and a person don't tap their feet, don't play the tune."
 — Count Basie

"I remember reminding myself that beauty is an opinion, not a fact. And it has always made me feel better."
 — Hayden Panettiere

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Chamber holds Alive After 5 at Enhabit Home Health



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Alive After 5 held a meet and greet at the location of Enhabit Home Health Thursday. From left are Sally Grant director of Enhabit Home Health, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Debbye ValVerde, Mitzi Knight, Business Development SMMC and Michelle Hamlin of Broomweed Ventures.

Texas bill introduced to make feminine hygiene products tax exempt

Special to the Herald

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced Thursday that he has joined with state Sen. Joan Huffman, Senate Committee on Finance chairwoman, to exempt feminine hygiene products from state and local sales tax. The effort will require new legislation and would likely not be finalized until the 2023 legislative session. Hegar and Huffman voiced strong support for the initiative.

"As chair of Senate Finance, I am proud to make this effort one of my priorities," Huffman said. "Every woman knows that these products are not optional. They are essential to our health and well-being and should be tax exempt."

"Taxing these products is archaic, and it is time for Texas to join the 24 states that already exempt tampons and other



feminine hygiene products from sales tax," Hegar said. "Our economy and state revenues are strong, and Texans are grappling with inflation and challenging price increases on everyday goods. These circumstances provide a tremendous opportunity to rectify this issue and exempt these products that represent a critical need for Texas women. I want to thank Sen. Huffman for her leadership and for taking bold and decisive action for the women of Texas."

Any legislation to create this exemption must still clear several hurdles in the Texas Legislature before heading to Gov. Greg Abbott for his consideration.

"This is the right thing to do for Texas women," Huffman said. "I thank Comptroller Hegar for working with me on this effort and look forward to working

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Midland pedestrian killed in traffic accident

By ROGER CLINE
 Managing Editor

A man driving a pickup truck hit a pedestrian on FM 307 east of Midland Monday, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety. The pedestrian later died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

According to the report, Gina Marie Daugherty, 48, of Midland was walking east in the middle of the FM 307 roadway about eight miles east of Midland at about 9:47 p.m. Monday and was struck by the driver's side mirror of the 2010 Dodge Ram 2500 driven by Joel Aguilar Valenzuela, 40, of Midland. Daugherty was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital in critical condition. She succumbed to her injuries on Wednesday and was pronounced dead by Dr. Rani Alayuvi.

According to the report, Valenzuela was wearing his safety belt and was not injured in the accident. Weather conditions at the time of the collision were clear, and road conditions were dry. The accident was investigated by Trooper Alec Ravenstahl of the Texas Highway Patrol of Midland.

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Obituaries

Clyda Ruth Key



Clyda Ruth Key passed away on August 18, in Midland. Clyda was born to Clyde and Mossie Akins in Nelta, Texas on August 21, 1929. She attended elementary school in Nelta and graduated from Sulphur Bluff High School in 1946. She received a Bachelor of Science from East Texas State Teacher's College in Commerce. Clyda's working life was spent teaching 1st and 2nd grades in Tarzan until the Grady school was built, and teaching 2nd grade in Grady until she retired in 1992. She taught school for 32 years, only taking a break for her three boys.

Clyda married Bruce Key on May 19, 1955, and they were the proud parents of three sons: Leland, Larry and Lynn. Bruce, Clyda and the boys were active members of the Tarzan community and especially the Grady school system. Clyda loved a good garden and enjoyed freezing or canning vegetables, especially black-eyed peas. After shelling so many peas over the years, Clyda saw an electric pea sheller in a magazine and immediately ordered it for \$300 (she said it was worth every penny!). Clyda was an amazing cook. Fresh baked homemade rolls were a staple at every meal, and there was always a cake or pie for dessert. Clyda loved to crochet, and she blessed family members and countless friends with afghans, name doilies and baby blankets. She was a breast cancer survivor. Next to Clyda's love for Bruce and the boys, was her love for her eight grandchildren. For the grandkids, nothing topped spending time on the farm in Tarzan with Grandma

Clyda and Papa Bruce. Family was very important to Clyda, especially the annual Akins Family Reunion. The yearly reunions were filled with good food and lots of catching up with her brother and sisters and their families.

Clyda is survived by her husband, Bruce, and sons, Leland (Pam) Key of San Angelo, Larry (Jennifer) Key of Prosper, Lynn (Dee Ann) Key of Midland; grandchildren: Brittany (Cody) Roberts of Dripping Springs, Courtney (Aaron) Pribanic of Frisco, Caitlyn (James) Raikes of Celina, Chase (Torie) Key of McKinney, Hayden (Kim) Key of Midland, Fallon Key and Kylar Key of San Angelo, and Emily Key of Midland; great-grandchildren: Paisley, Kerry, Nolan, Piper and Cooper; sister, Delonia (Ken) Mullins of Denison; brother, Jerry Akins of Albuquerque, and brother-in-law Tommy Todd of Denison and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Fay Todd, sister-in-law Sharon Akins and nephew Jim Akins.

The family wishes to thank LaShana Hines and Mary Collins for their companionship with Clyda and to the wonderful staff at Manor Park for the heartfelt care Clyda received over the years.

Visitation will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St, Midland on Sunday, August 21, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Grave-side services will be at Trinity Memorial Park, 6900 US-87, Big Spring Monday, August 22, at 10 a.m.

Donations can be made to Grady ISD, Grady ISD Education Foundation or to a charity of your choice.

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

Paid Obituary

Vickie Lynn Boley

Vickie Lynn Boley, 67, died Wednesday, August 17. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday with family receiving friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday at Cornerstone Covenant Church with burial at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Vickie was born on Nov. 4, 1954, in Snyder to Pauline Jewel Tharp Strickland and Hoyle Dean Strickland. She married Ronald (Ron) Boley August 12, 1977, in Snyder. She was born and raised in Snyder and moved to Big Spring in 1993.

Vickie was a homemaker. She loved sewing and cross stitching. She loved bowling with Pam. She and Ron were coaches for the Special Olympics Texas, Howard County Chapter.

Vickie is survived by her husband: Ron Boley of Big Spring; daughter: Pamela Gail Boley of Big Spring; 2

sisters: Sharon Haley (Bart) of College Station and Teresa Cressett (David Klassen) of Seminole; 1 brother: Mark Strickland (Angie) of Snyder; 2 sisters-in-law: Karen Harris (Chris) of Corpus Christi and Sandra Perrodin of Springdale, AR; 2 brothers-in-law: Thomas Boley (Brenda) of Snyder and Steven Boley (Trudy) of Abilene; several nieces and nephews: Michelle Phillips, Laura Kinney, Jennifer Marinari, Jake Strickland, Jonathan Gressett, Faith Klassen, Crystal Harris-Schmitt, Sarah Rifenburg, Brandon Boley, Kristen Wharton, Haley Kampert, and Jonathan Perrodin.

Vickie was preceded in death by her parents.

Pallbearers will be Gene Hector, Rob Edwards, Dean Cook, Joel De La Garza, Carl Green, & Lee Archuleta.

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

Paid Obituary

Bennie Porter

Bennie Porter, 87, died Thursday, August 18, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Support Groups

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.

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ANGEL ADOLPHO LAREZ**, 41, of 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750.
- **MONTY ALLEN HENDRICKS**, 41, of 709 W. 15th St., was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance more than 3 grams but less than 28 grams.
- **DANIEL GALVAN**, 18, of 2611 Cindy, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 oz.
- **SYLVIA YVETTE HINOJOS**, 31, of 1002 N. Main apt. 48, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., and a warrant from another agency.
- **ALFREDO HINOJOS HARPER**, 33, of 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **HERIBERTO CHAVEZ**, 52, of 1504 Kilgore Rd., Baytown, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported at 1602 E. FM 700.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported at 400 N. Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported at 1801 E. FM 700 Suite C6.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at N. Benton St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at 701 S. Bell.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported at 901 E. FM 700 apartment 534.
- **THEFT** was reported at 2303 Marshall Dr.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported at 900 Father Delaney St.
- **TELEPHONE HARASSMENT** was reported at 3613 W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 104 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DANIEL JAMES BURKE**, 39, was arrested on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance.
- **ANGEL ADALPHO LAREZ**, 41, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief greater than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 200 block of Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 100 block of 9th St. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1500 block of Tucson. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 400 block of E. 11th St. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 800 block of W. I-20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2000 block of Gregg St. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1800 block of N. HWY 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of I-20 service road and highway 350. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at N. HWY 87 and Weaver Rd. No transport.
- **FIRE** was reported at mile marker 180 E. I-20. Outside equipment. Contained.

Take Note

- American Legion Post 506 will hold a Fish Fry Saturday. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., while dine-in and carryout service at 3203 W. Highway 80 will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each. Everyone is welcome.

- Ward Family Dental, 1500 Scurry, will hold its "Smile for Freedom" event from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 4. During the event, Ward Family Dental will offer free dental work for military veterans, active military members, and emergency responders. Military or Responder identification is required. Dr. Ward asks those seeking to take advantage of the event to contact the office for a pre-screening prior to the event date. Call 432-267-1677 for more information.

- 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.

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- Great Courses Lecture Series of the American West: History, Myth and Legacy meets every Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, in the Theater Room. Each 30-minute lecture is followed by an in-class group discussion. There is no charge.

URGENT ALERT

Big Spring Pet Shelter is currently a no-kill facility in danger of reversal. **No-kill facilities cannot be successful without volunteers.** OUR Pet Shelter is full most of the time, short staffed and desperately need help so the furr babies can get regular, proper exercise. But volunteers are as scarce as a pot of gold on your door step.

This is OUR Pet Shelter. A *community commitment*. All those precious dogs and cats don't ask to be in cages for months. Can you spare an hour a week to volunteer? Fostering is badly needed, too.

PLEASE contact the Big Spring Police Dept, Animal Control: 264-2559 and they will assist getting you signed up as a volunteer or a foster parent.

They don't want to die. WE are their only hope. Please become a volunteer.



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COUNTY

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including the public hearings, mentioned earlier. Finally, Olson will present an item regarding donation of used equipment. Howard County Tax Assessor/Collector Tiffany Sayles will present an item regarding the imposition of optional fees through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Elections Administrator Jodi Duck will next pres-

ent items regarding the upcoming Nov. 8 General Election. Duck will ask commissioners to order the election locally, and to appoint election judges and alternate judges. She will also ask Howard County to join with other entities in a joint election Nov. 8, and to schedule a special Commissioners' Court meeting Nov. 22 to canvass results of the election. Howard County Information Technology Director Odis Franklin will next ask commissioners to consider approval of a Disaster Recovery Plan for the county, and to approve an Acceptable Use Policy.

Indigent Health Care/Welfare Director JoAnn Valle will ask commissioners to consider approval of physician agreements for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as bids for pharmaceutical services for the Howard County Detention Center, and the Indigent Health Care/Welfare and Juvenile Probation programs. Howard County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will present his monthly Roadway Maintenance Update before the meeting is adjourned.

BILL

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with him and my legislative colleagues to ensure we craft legislation that garners broad support." The Comptroller's office estimates that sales tax on feminine hygiene prod-

ucts would generate about \$28.6 million annually during the next biennium. Hegar released his latest revenue estimate for the current biennium in mid-July, projecting an ending balance for the biennium of \$27 billion. "Texas can absorb this lost revenue easily, but for countless Texas women, this will mean significant savings in their personal budgets over time," Hegar said. "This is a small amount of money relative to the overall revenue outlook for Texas."

Islamic State 'Beatle' gets life term for US hostage deaths

By MATTHEW BARAKAT

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — British national El Shafee Elsheikh was sentenced to life in prison Friday for his role in an Islamic State scheme that took roughly two dozen Westerners hostage a decade ago. Elsheikh's hostages gave him a somewhat whimsical nickname — he was dubbed a "Beatle" along with other English-accented captors — but the moniker belied the viciousness of his conduct. "This prosecution unmasked the vicious and sadistic ISIS Beatles," said First Assistant U.S. Attorney Raj Parekh, noting that Elsheikh and the other Beatles always wore masks when they appeared in front of their hostages. He is the most notorious and highest-ranking member of the Islamic State group to ever be convicted in a U.S. Court, prosecutors said Friday at his sentencing hearing in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. The life sentence was a foregone conclusion after a jury convicted him of hostage taking resulting in death and other crimes earlier this year. The convictions revolved around the deaths of four American hostages: James Foley, Steven Sotloff, Peter Kassig, and Kayla Mueller. All but Mueller were executed in videotaped beheadings circulated online. Mueller was forced into slavery and raped multiple times by Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi before she was killed. They were among 26 hostages taken captive between 2012 and 2015, when the Islamic State group

controlled large swaths of Iraq and Syria. The convictions carried a mandatory life sentence. The U.S. agreed not to pursue death sentence as part of a deal that ensured extradition of Elsheikh and his friend, Alexandra Kotey, who has already been sentenced to life. Parekh said it was difficult to convey the brutality of Elsheikh's actions. "We lack the vocabulary of such pain," he said, paraphrasing Dante's Inferno. Still, victims of Elsheikh and the Beatles testified at Friday's hearing and gave voice to what they experienced. Danish photographer Daniel Rye Ottosen, who was released after paying a ransom, said the worst moments were times of silence during and after captivity when he was alone with his thoughts. He said when Elsheikh and the Beatles beat him up, it was almost a relief. "Now I knew I could only concentrate on my pain, which is much easier than being alone with your thoughts," he said. Ottosen was particularly close to Foley, and memorized a goodbye letter that Foley wrote to his family so he could dictate it to Foley's parents when he was released. Foley's mother, Diane Foley, said holding Elsheikh accountable at trial sends a message of deterrence to other would-be hostage takers. "Hatred truly overwhelmed your humanity," she told Elsheikh on Friday, which was the eighth anniversary of James Foley's beheading. At trial, surviving hostages testified that they dreaded the Beatles' appearance at the various prisons to which they were constantly shuttled and

relocated. Elsheikh and the other Beatles played a key role in the hostage negotiations, getting hostages to email their families with demands for payments. They also routinely beat and tortured the hostages, forcing them to fight each other to the point of passing out, threatening them with waterboarding and forcing them view images of slain hostages. Elsheikh did not speak during Friday's hearing. His lawyer, Zachary Deubler, said Elsheikh will appeal his conviction. Elsheikh's lawyers had argued that his confessions should have been ruled inadmissible because of alleged mistreatment after he was captured by Kurdish-led Syrian Defense Forces in 2018. At Friday's hearing, Deubler confined his arguments to a request that Elsheikh not be sent to the supermax prison facility in Florence, Colorado, where he would face solitary confinement for the rest of his life. Deubler said a designation to Florence is almost a certainty unless the judge recommends otherwise. Judge T.S. Ellis III declined to make any recommendation to the Bureau of Prisons. "The behavior of this defendant and his co-defendant can only be described as horrific, barbaric, brutal, callous and, of course, criminal," Ellis said. Vickie Boley, 67, died Wednesday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Sunday with family receiving friends from 2 PM until 4 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service 10 AM Monday at Cornerstone Covenant Church with burial at Mount Olive Cemetery. Bennie Porter, 87, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

- 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 432-227-3911; 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 orga-

- nizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.
- St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.
- VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

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Opinion

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

-FIRST AMENDMENT



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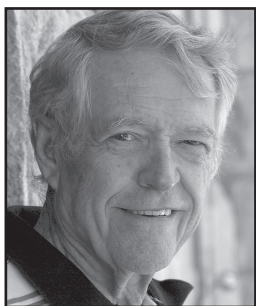
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DAILY PRAYER

*Father, protect us now
and always in your divine
peace. Amen.*

A New Play for Horse Lovers and Others

A trio of professional horse trainers, 2 of them with doctors degrees and one with a masters, recently wrote a play with a long title: TWO OLD COWBOYS TALKING AT THE BEST LITTLE HORSE HOUSE IN TEXAS.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

“It’s clean,” says Dr. Michael Johnson of Commerce, one of the authors. “It’s a parody of characters that we’ve all known.” He is an expert on horse behavior and has written books on the subject. His co-author is his friend Greg Dial of Blanco. The third member of the cast is Dr. Mary Marzak of La Grange, a veterinarian. “We were going to do this and if it bombed we would never do it again,” says Michael. “It didn’t bomb.” Obviously the play is about horses and some of the characters involved with the proper care and training of them. But the play’s appeal extends beyond horse lovers. Michael says when he started he was going to tell this unique story about growing up on a ranch and make people laugh. “I was so wrong. It did make people laugh, not because it was a unique story but

because it was a universal story.” One of the characters Michael plays is a teenager. “This kid jumps on stage. Jimmy Joe Jones. Eighteen years old, knows everything in the world. You can’t tell him anything. And everybody in the audience knows who he is because they either were one or they raised one.” He also plays a shyster horse trainer named Bronco Bill. “I tell Mary what can I do for you, darlin’? I can give you anything you need for your horse. It’ll be real cheap and very effective, guaranteed success. We promise we can train your horse and if we can’t your horse is an idiot and you need to get rid of him.” The play is scripted with some improvisation. One of the first times it was presented was at Fort Griffin State Park near Albany.

“Before we were gonna go on, I had a sinking spell. Not nervousness, just some thoughts that it’s short, trite, it’s not funny. But I was wrong. The audience really liked it. They recognized all the characters and have gone through the same things depicted in the play. I wondered if the reason it was so well received was because all those people there were pretty skilled horsemen or did they like it because it was like GREATER TUNA? I thought maybe it was because we were speaking to our tribe. I don’t think that anymore.”

Letter to the Editor

Aug. 15, 2022

Last Monday, my husband and I were in Big Spring and we went to Taco Bell. The young people working there were all nice and hard working. Two hours later we were about to leave Big Spring, when I realized I had lost

my purse. I panicked. I remembered taking it into Taco Bell. We rushed back there and before we could get in the door there was a very nice, honest young woman handing my purse back to me, with everything in it. The girl's name was Jeniyah Gorman. I

was so impressed by her honesty, whoever wants to say teenagers are bad, you should visit your Taco Bell and meet Jeniyah and her friends. Your mind will be changed.

Sincerely,

Beverly Hilliard

A Letter From the Editor

What do we do about the Dog Problem?

If you’ve lived in Big Spring for any length of time, you know the problem exists. There are dogs roaming the streets of our fair city - big, small, alone, in packs. Healthy dogs, and dogs with protruding ribs and stomachs shriveled to nothing.



ROGER CLINE

But how do we fix the problem? At the last Big Spring City Council meeting, Mayor Moore admitted he’s struggling

with a solution to the problem. He said he’s pondered the issue for several months and is drawing a blank.

In fact, he suggested the possibility of abandoning Big Spring Animal Shelter’s “No-Kill” status when homes for stray dogs can’t be found. Although he made it clear it’s not his first choice, it’s a possibility. Big Spring’s animal lovers were not pleased with the idea.

My thought? Selective dog euthanization may become necessary in the future, but we’re not there yet. We owe it to Man’s Best Friend to work on the problem a little longer.

Owning a dog is a commitment, and so is having a no-kill shelter in one’s community.

So let’s work on it. Pet owners, work on it by keeping your animals

better restrained. Citizens, report animal abuse, neglect, and free-roaming dogs. City government? Appoint a committee to come up with ideas, and then be prepared to implement those ideas.

The Herald will do its part to highlight dogs who need adoption and to publicize animal-related events and meetings.

I know some people have been thinking about this a while, but not long enough “under the gun” of abandoning our no-kill status.

Let’s actually try before we throw in the towel and start killing dogs.

...
The preceding is the opinion of Roger Cline and does not necessarily reflect the opinions or viewpoints of the Big Spring Herald.

The Idle American

On the Road Again...

We laughed intermittently for weeks about our decision to embark on a 3,000-mile road trip because we didn’t have time to fly. As the date neared and mass media folks conveyed horror tales of passengers stranded in airports or delayed, our decision to take to the highways seemed well-founded.

Our ultimate destination was Hunt Valley, MD, where Lions Clubs from Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia were meeting--more than 200 strong--to observe their 100th anniversary of Lions International.

Best “bibs and tuckers” were pretty much left behind, even though the “Grand Poobah” of Lionism-International President Brian Sheehan and wife Lori-would be honored guests for the two-day conference. He heads this world-wide organization of more than 1.4 million members. However, he may have overslept the day formalities were handed out. (For folks who can’t remember “Grand Poobah,” in popular culture this was the name heard regularly on TV’s Flintstones to describe a high-ranking elected position in a secret society called, uh, the “Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes.”) ...



DON NEWBURY

We stood several times in honor of the Minnesota couple who quickly put people at ease, urging them to give their best to the world’s largest civic organization that is ever seeking ways to serve humanity.

He established himself as an “ordinary Joe” from Bird Island, MN, where they don’t lock their doors and welcome “virtual” ways to boost Lionism when pandemics persist and the place freezes over.

Lori is passionate about the Lions’ multifaceted work in Europe, and the former health club owner has been largely homebound since COVID reared its ugly head. She raises huge sums for Lions’ projects by accepting challenges of long treadmill walks. She is “fiddle-fit,” even though her husband is hesitant to take up serious exercising. He says she can use him for one of those “before” pictures in “before and after” ads....

President Sheehan likewise has immense energy for Lionism, probably knowing many airport personnel around the world on a first-name basis.

(Only hours before reaching this community adjoining Baltimore, he and Lori visited a Texas Lions camp event in Kerrville.)

His energy is exceeded only by his passionate devotion--as well as admirable vision--for Lions International and its clubs in more than 200 countries of the world.

The Sheehans--from a community of 936 people--have come far, and in these days, rarely are at home. There, they raise exotic animals, with a few birds thrown in. He favors penguins, and hands out miniature pliable penguins he calls “relaxers.” He maintains that squeezing the tennis-ball size objects are “go to” aids in a world growing ever more stressful....

So far in our trip, ironies have abounded. When we left the Metroplex, there had been no rain in many areas for more than 40 days. On our trip, however, it rained daily for an entire week, including our two-day stop in Charlotte to visit in-laws Ken and Rita McDaniel and an unsuccessful attempt to tour the Billy Graham Library. It is under extensive renovation, closed until next year.

Soon after arriving in Hunt Valley, the tap-tapping we heard in the hotel lobby resonated from canes carried by five dozen college student members of the National Federation of the Blind. They were convening at the same time as the Lions. Past International President Clem Kusiak, Council Chair Wayne Cole and Convention Chair John Lawrence took oaths that neither organization knew the other was meeting, but the students were constant reminders for the Lions of their work in helping the blind....

My assignment was to keep Lions awake for a breakfast speech. Let’s don’t vote on it!

However, I am now a Lion again, after a 55-year hiatus, and sworn in by the “Grand Poobah.” Ray Hildebrand, our friend from college days, sang The National Anthem and his 1963 hit, “Hey, Paula.” He was accompanied by The Fabulous Hubcaps, whose musical beginnings began soon after Ray’s.

Now, it’s off to Kentucky, where heavy rains have shaken The Ark. We’re counting on our friend John Duke Smith (our “Gober-Uber driver”) to deliver us there safely....

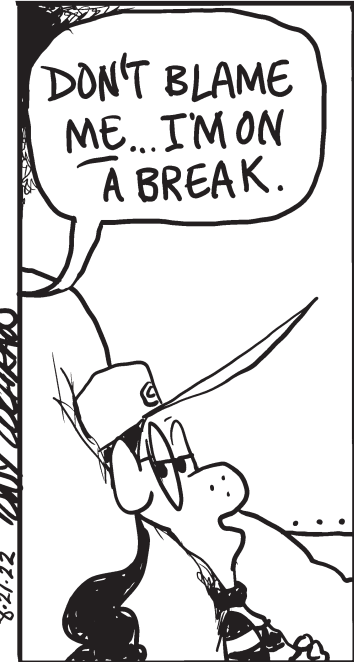
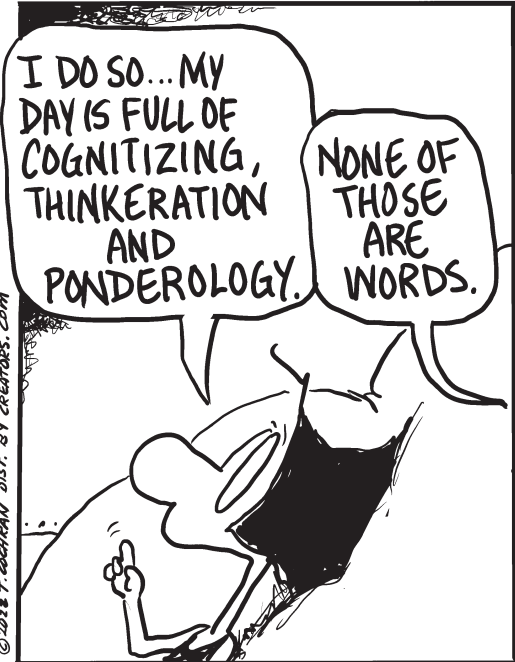
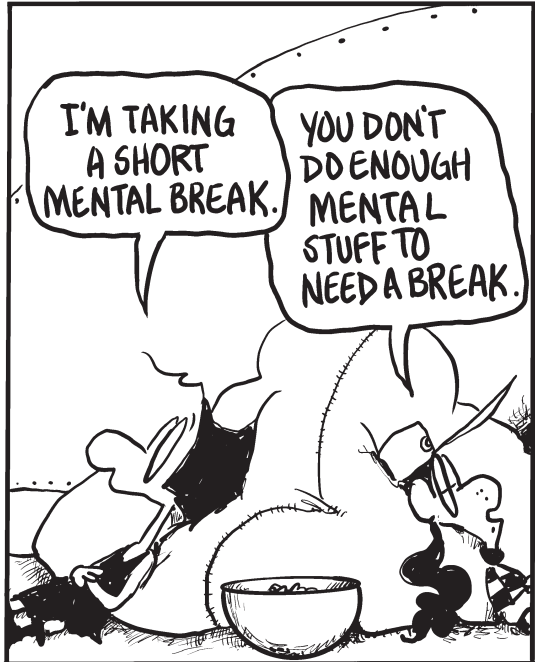
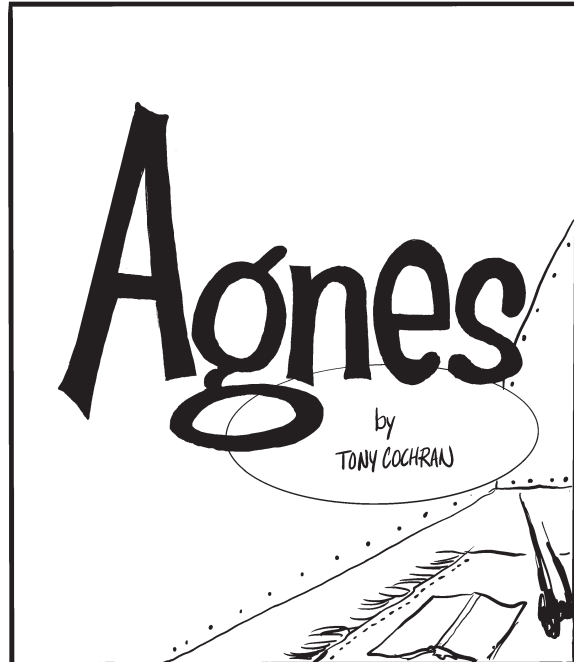
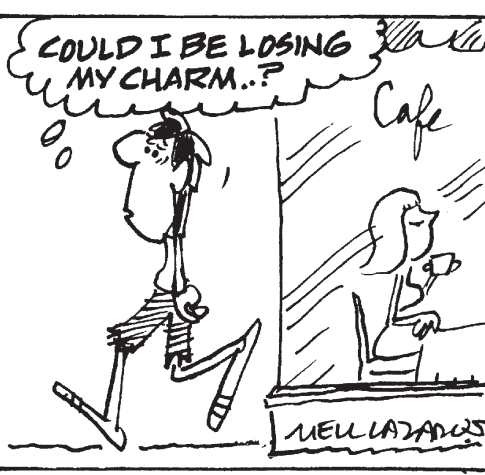
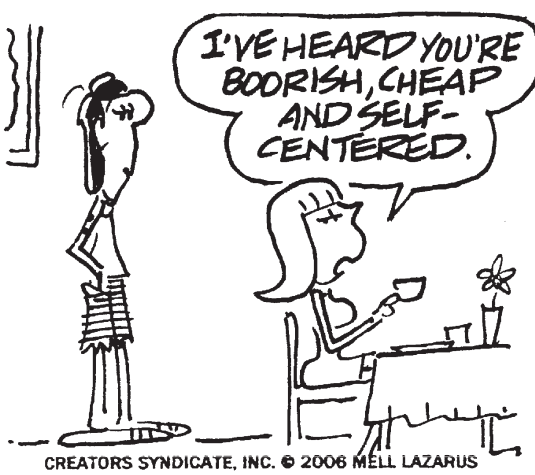
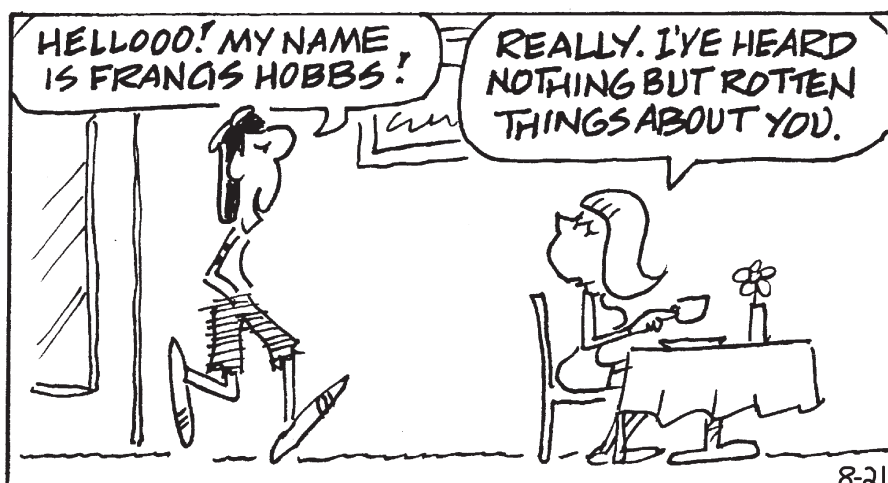
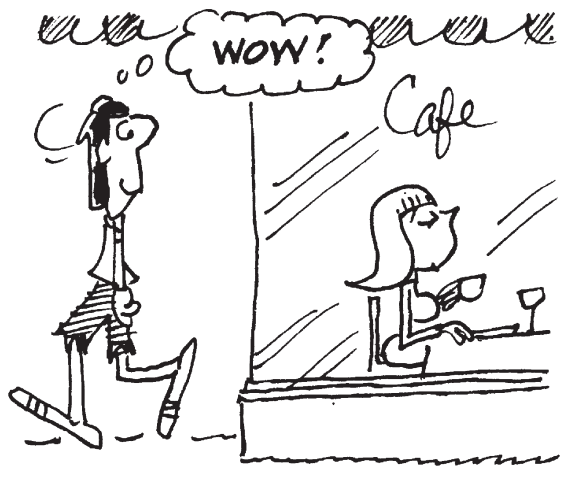
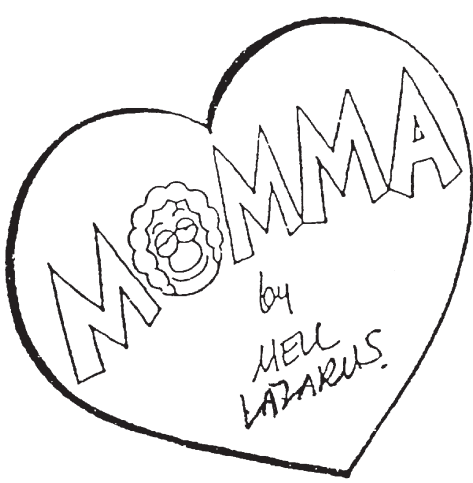
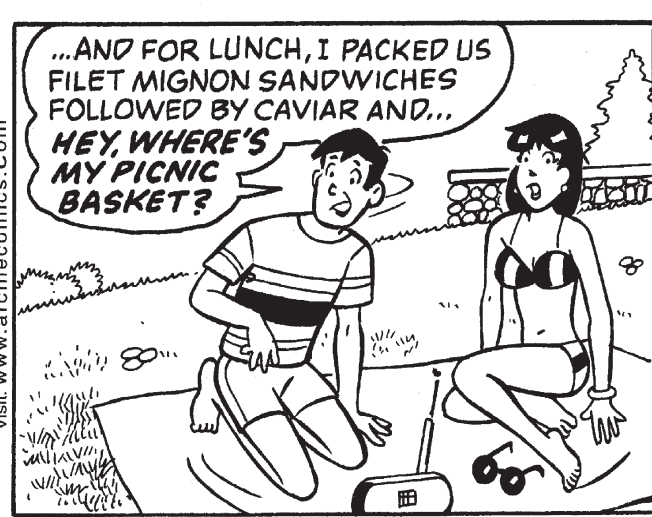
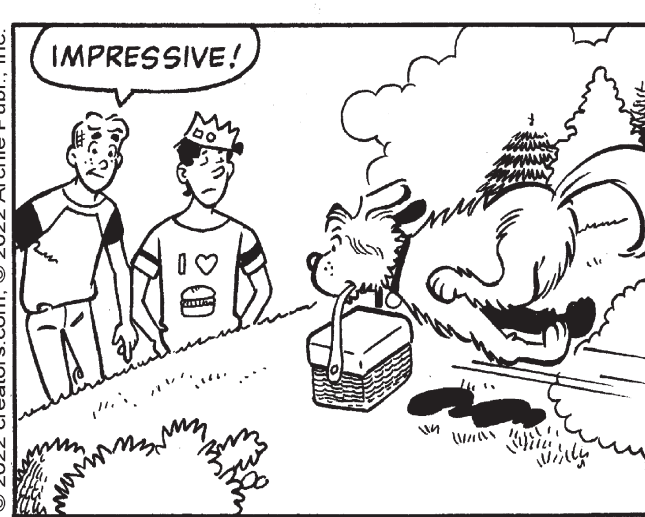
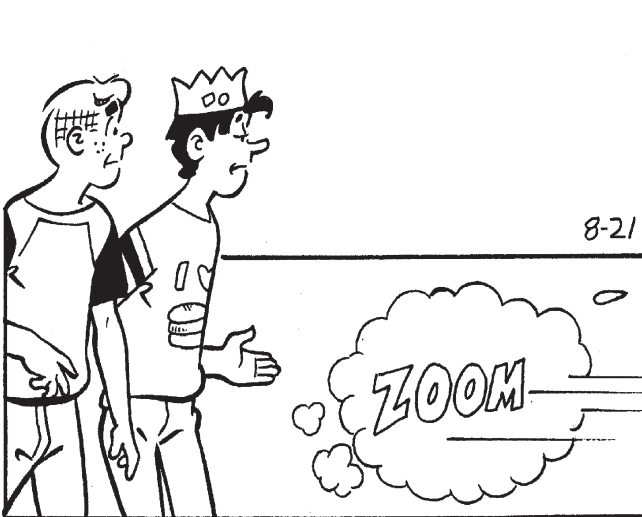
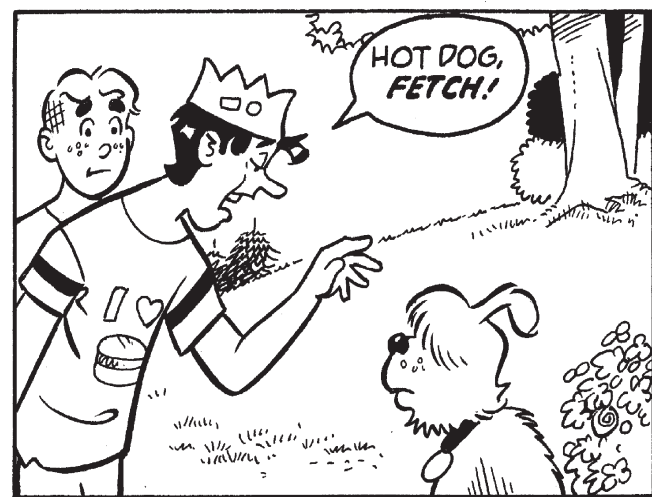
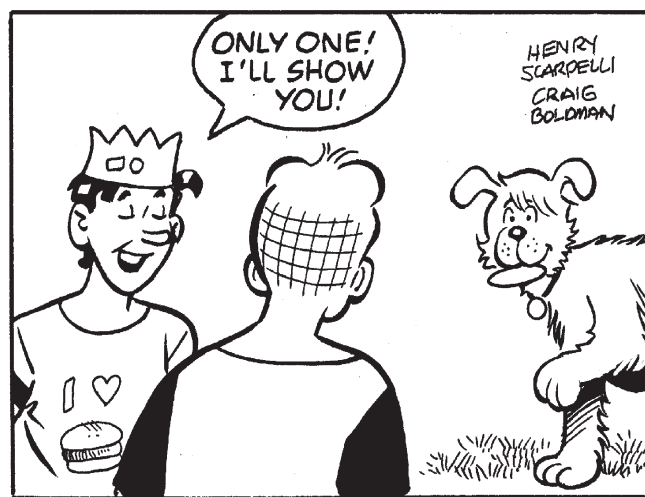
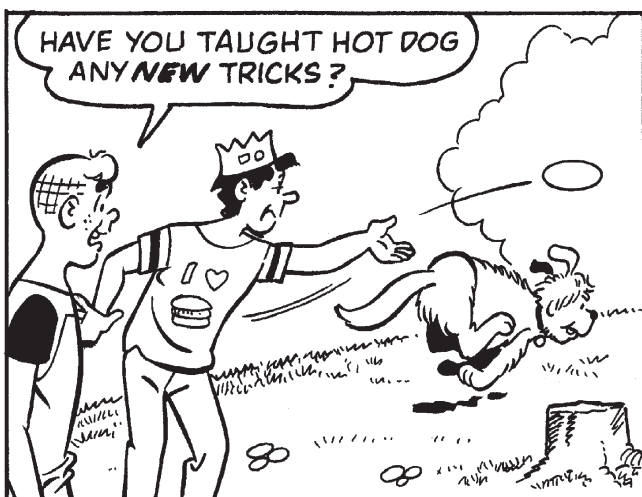
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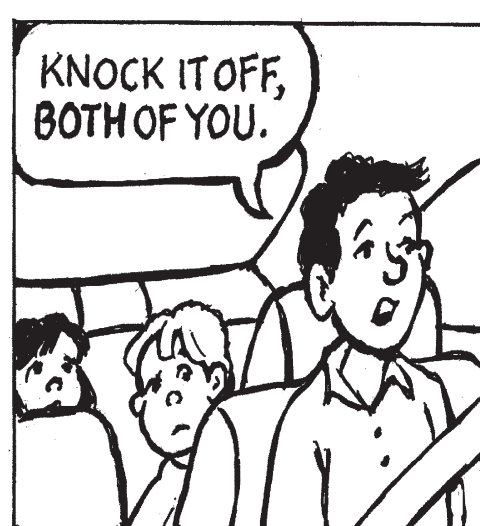
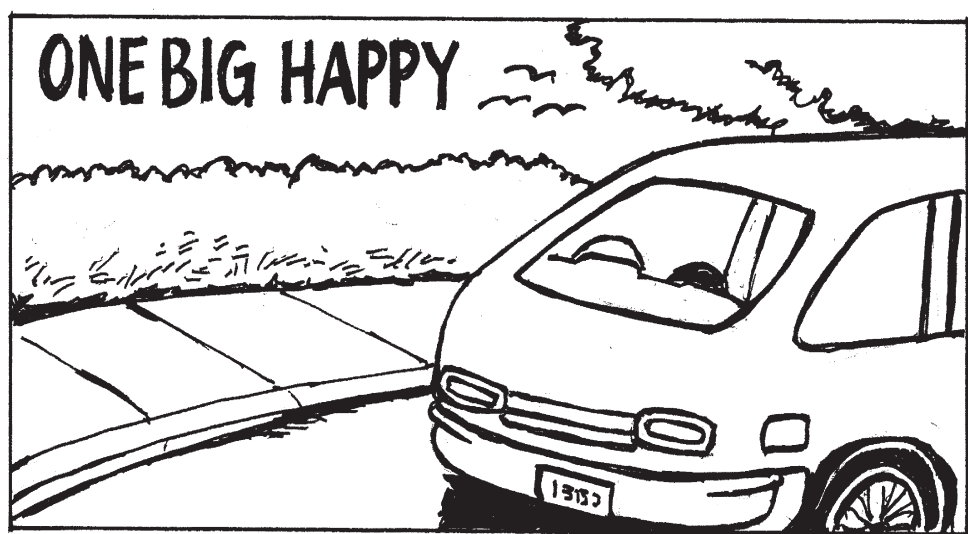
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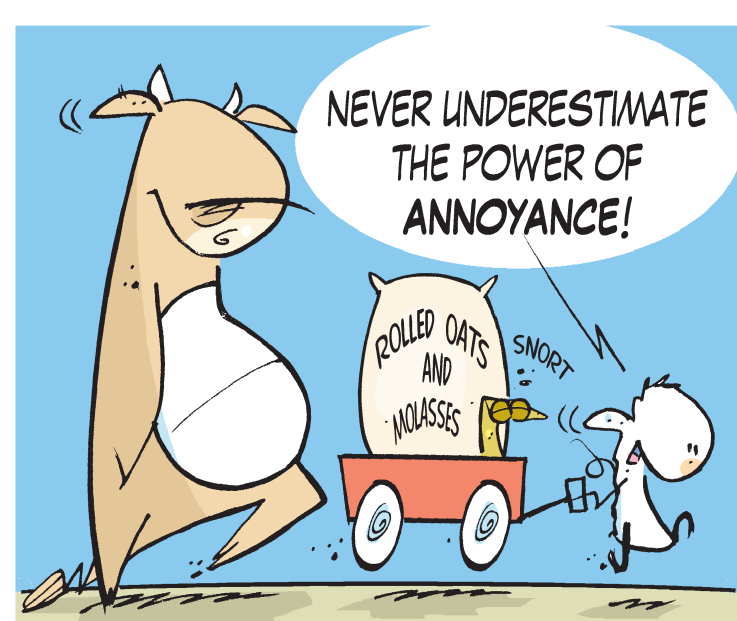
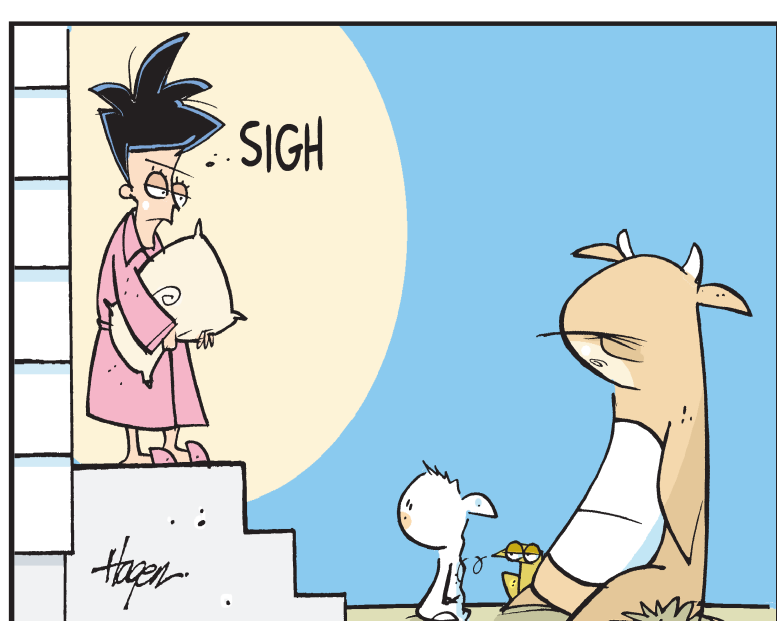
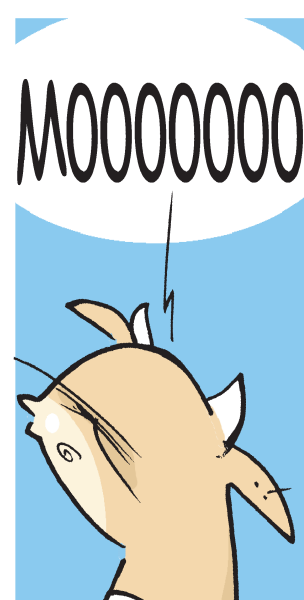
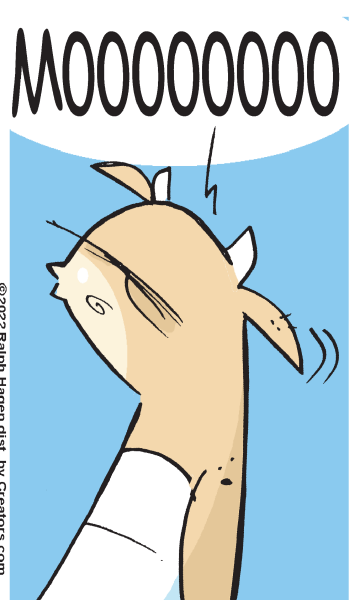
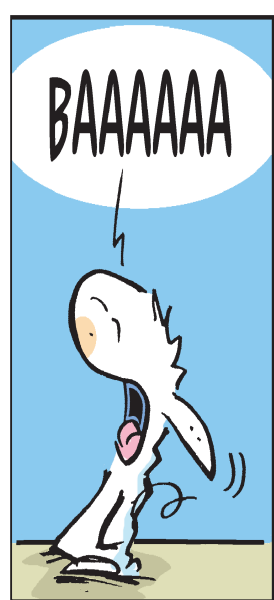
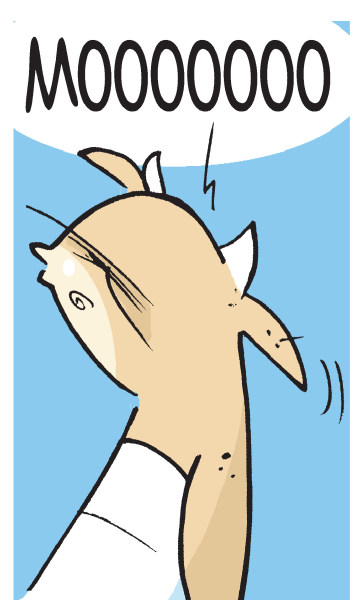
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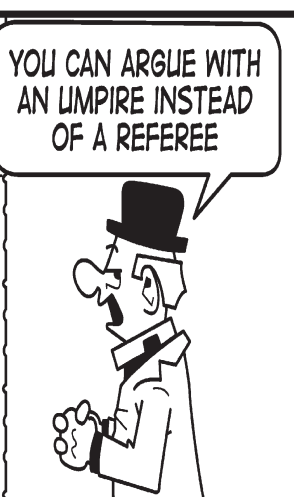
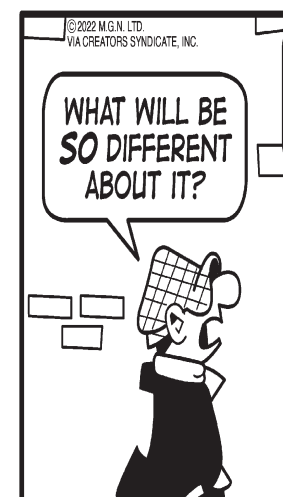
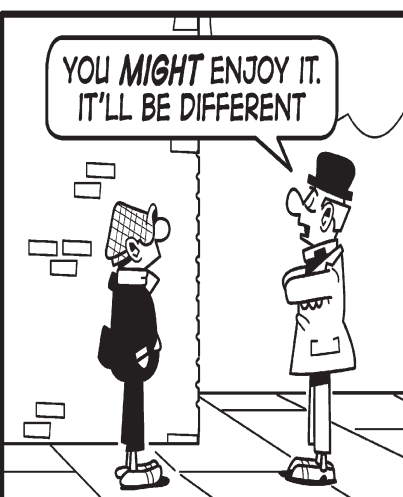
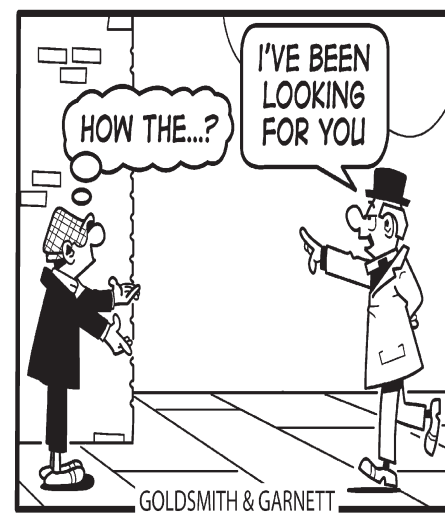
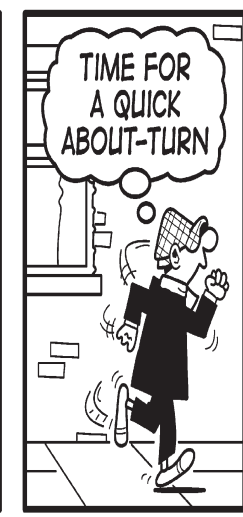
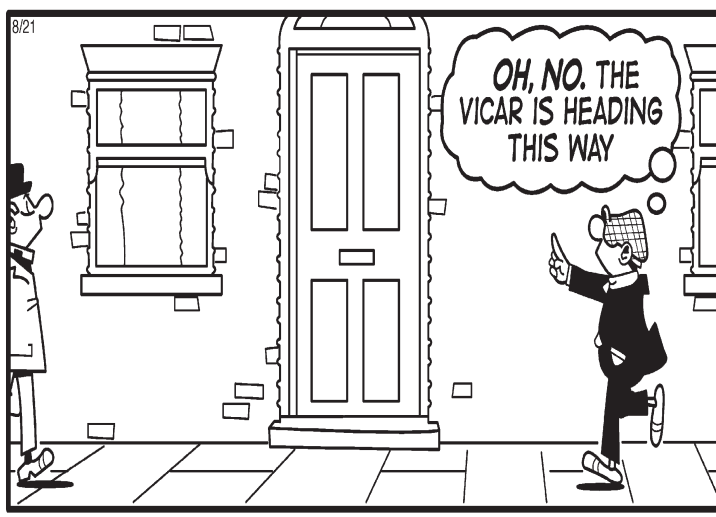
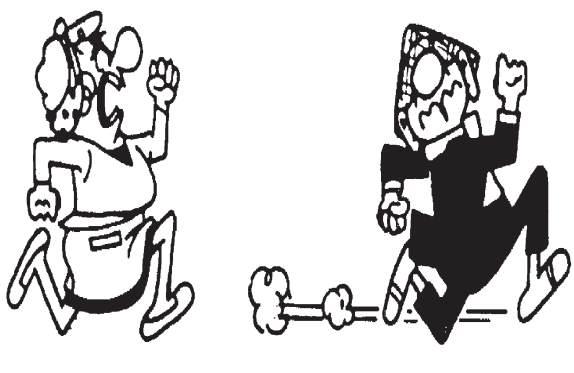




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Second Time Around

By **STEVE BELVIN**

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MORE MONEY, MORE MONEY

College football is here!

The things about college sports is that it's slowly transcending to the professional football method of operations. Until last year college players haven't been getting paid other than receiving scholarship's. I used to think that was okay. A college education in exchange for playing. But I also know how much colleges make off these athletes with network money, attendance at the games and post season bowl money.

For instance, the cheapest tickets you can get for the Texas Tech-Texas football games in Lubbock is \$121. If you want to sit on the front row, you'll have to fork over \$845! Available tickets to the NCAA Men's Final Four, in Houston next year, is \$2,500. Football teams that play in a top tier bowl game receives as much as \$6 million dollars!

Now don't get me wrong. The truth is that colleges have been under handily paying players for years. Now it's more legal with the passing of the NIL law last year. The California legislation proposed the bill in 2020. The NCAA accepted it a year later.

NIL stands for name, image and likeness. College athletes can get paid for their media accounts, broker endorsements deals, autograph signing and other financial opportunities, and can now use an agent or representative to do so.

UCONN basketball star Paige Buecker or a more deserving name, Paige "Buckets", is cashing in the most. She just had her second knee surgery in two years, yet she's a hot commodity, All-American girl from the Midwest city of Edinia, Minn. Buecker' is well spoken and meek. The type of young athlete you want endorsing your product. "Buckets" can just flat out play basketball. I'd take her on my basketball squad any day. She's, earning \$1.5 million dollars!

Several other athletes have earned more than \$250,000, thanks to some very generous boosters. Texas Tech has a good game plan itself. In some sports, Texas Tech athletes will be paid \$25,000 a year in monthly checks. These athletes will be endorsing the Hub City. Great idea!

The local businesses will benefit from that. It's a superb recruiting tool also. The transfer portal allows a player to transfer to another college without having to sit out a year like back in the day so college players are jumping ship.

Now they go for the best offer which has the most possible endorsements. It's the American way I suppose.

The thing is I can't keep up with who's playing where. Take for instance my beloved OU Sooners. The top two quarterbacks transferred out. Spencer Rattler went to South Carolina and Caleb Williams followed coach Lincoln Riley to USC. Problem solved?

Three years ago, the University of Oregon softball team had six of its players transfer to the University of Texas, following coach Mike White. They weren't even the best team in the Big 12. No quick fix there. The best receiver in college football last year, Pittsburgh's Jordan Addison, transferred to USC to team up with Riley and Williams. Addison caught 100 passes for 17 touchdowns last year.

A Georgia wide receiver and LSU cornerback went to top ranked Alabama. Ohio State quarterback goes to Texas. The list goes on and on. It's free agency in college football. Colleges now work it like the "big boys". Down to the details with their agents orchestrating plans. Transfer portals will be the key to getting that quick fix in a quest to win a national championship. All the while, the youngsters are getting paid.

AREA PLAYERS SUITING UP FOR HSU

The Hardin Simmons Cowboys football roster has a Crossroads Country flavor. Leading the pack is defensive back Bryce Hergert. The Forsan native plays in the secondary and played in all 10 games last season. He is now a senior at HSU, and a two-year letterman. Jayden Coleman is a senior tight end from Klondike. He is a three-year letterman and has a couple of touchdown catches. Another is tight end is AJ Gonzales, a junior two-year letterman from Big Spring. Rounding out the group is Coahoma linebacker Keegan Dobbs, a sophomore, and incoming freshman linebacker Isaiah Holloway, another product of the Steers. Hardin Simmons opens the season Sept. 3 in Plainview against Wayland Baptist. I'm sure they will bump into former Steers QB Gabriel Baeza

AREA GRIDDETS EARN SUPERLATIVES

The Midland Reporter Telegraph released its list of the top football players to watch for the upcoming season. Making the list of receivers were Big Spring's Eli Cobos and Garden City's John Lopez; running backs Gunner Cherry of Grady, Jordon Coahomes of Garden City and Ryan Andler of Stanton. Also named to the list was Coahoma linebacker Rance Redden, Garden City quarterback Logan Seidenberger and Forsan offensive lineman Nolan Park.

Herbert, Prescott get plenty of work during joint practices

By **JOE REEDY**

AP Sports Writer

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Justin Herbert and Dak Prescott will be on the sidelines when the Los Angeles Chargers host the Dallas Cowboys in a pre-season game on Saturday night. Both quarterbacks got plenty of snaps, though, the past two days during joint practices.

Herbert and Prescott practiced on adjacent fields at the Jack Hammett Sports Complex, but both took part in a friendly round of target practice after the two-hour session ended.

"I think they ended up winning, but it was fun to just see those guys and hang out with them a little bit," Herbert said of the side competition between the two QB groups. "I've only met him a couple of times, but I really respect him as a player and as a competitor, as well."

Dallas coach Mike McCarthy said early in camp that Prescott could play in the preseason finale Aug. 26 against Seattle. Chargers coach Brandon Staley, though, does not play the majority of his starters in any of the three preseason games.

For Herbert, the joint practices were the closest thing to a dress rehearsal that he is going to get before the Chargers' regular-season opener against the Las Vegas Raiders on Sept. 11.

"It means everything to us. Since we're not playing in the preseason we need to take advantage of

these reps, and we did," Herbert said. "We felt like we really got after it the past couple of days. To go up against a team like that, I think it's a great learning lesson for us as well, to see a team that flies around like that and a front seven like they have."

Herbert had a nice completion to Keenan Allen in the back of the end zone but also threw an interception on the first play of a two-minute drill.

Herbert said having to adjust on the fly against another defense as well as seeing how the offensive line held up in pass protection was a bonus.

"That's a good front line that they have up there. To see those guys fly around up close and personal, I think it's a great job for us to be able to learn and grow from that and continue to compete against those guys. So, it's been good for us," Herbert said.

Prescott did have the highlight play to end Thursday's practice with a Hail Mary to Dennis Houston, who got together with teammate Samuël Samuel Jr. to come up with the ball.

"It was definitely good to end on that note, and just being in that situation, end of game, having to go Hail Mary with the clock running," Prescott said. "The guys did a good job of protecting, giving me a lane, letting me buy some time."

CeeDee Lamb missed both days of practice due to a foot injury, dealing another blow to a diminished Cowboys' wide receiver group already missing Mi-

chael Gallup (ACL) and James Washington (foot). Prescott's day featured a lot of handoffs to running backs Ezekiel Elliott and Tony Pollard along with short passes.

While Lamb is expected to return to practice next week, Gallup and Washington are expected to be sidelined when the Cowboys open the season against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Prescott said he isn't getting frustrated over having an inexperienced wide receiver group, but he is hoping to see them make strides the next two weeks.

"This is exactly about that time to work and make other guys step up, take advantage of their opportunity," he said. "Those guys got to know what I expect from them and how they expect me to throw the ball, so that's all good things to be worked on."

Chargers coach Brandon Staley was also pleased with the two practices and noted that the snaps provided more quality for the first units compared to a preseason game because different situations could be practiced.

"You get more plays, and then the types of schemes that you're playing against you're seeing their premium scheme, where in the preseason no one is running their premium scheme," he said. "These practices are where it's at. They may not get into the red zone in a preseason game, you may not have a two-minute situation that kind of expresses itself, so you're able to control what happens."

Bregman 2 HRs, 2 doubles, 6 RBIs, Astros trample Chisox 21-5

By **MARK GONZALES**

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Alex Bregman hit two homers and two doubles, driving in a career-high six runs and powering the Houston Astros past the Chicago White Sox 21-5 Thursday.

Houston's run total tied for the second most in team history — the Astros scored 23 against Baltimore in 2019.

"I don't think I've been on a team that scored that many runs," said Houston's Dusty Baker, in his 25th season as a manager following a 19-year playing career.

"It was good to get out of here with a split. It was good the fact we came back the last two games because they were looking at a sweep," he said.

The Astros wound up with 25 hits as Bregman, Kyle Tucker and Christian Vazquez tied career highs with four each.

Chas McCormick, who had five RBIs, and Trey Mancini homered for

the AL West leaders.

White Sox second baseman Josh Harrison pitched the ninth inning and allowed four runs and six hits in his third mound appearance of the season.

"I hate that rule you can pitch a position player," White Sox manager Tony La Russa said. "There's got to be a way to avoid that at some point when you get far down. I think it's a travesty for the game. I don't think fans enjoy it."

"But that's our fault. They beat us up. They deserve the credit. We take the heat," he said.

Bregman, who had an eight-game hitting streak snapped Wednesday, scored four times.

He hit a pair of two-run drives for the fifth multi-homer game of his career and his first since May 28, 2019, against the Cubs.

"I've really been just working hard in the cage trying to beat it into my head to stay closed with every swing I take," Bregman said. "Today was bet-

ter."

Bregman's big day actually didn't start out so well. He was called out on strikes to end the first and had words with plate umpire Ramon DeJesus, who then ejected Astros hitting coach Alex Cintron.

"I don't want to say anything because I don't want to get fined," Bregman said.

By the end of the afternoon, Bregman was in a much better mood and signed autographs for fans after the final out.

The Astros won for the sixth time in their last eight games. They improved to 34-19 against teams with a .500 record or better.

Gavin Sheets got a career-high four hits for the White Sox, who lost for the second day in a row and split the four-game series.

"Just a brutal day," La Russa said.

After totaling eight runs in the first three games of the series, the Astros broke loose.

Houston scored six times in the

fourth inning, chasing Lucas Giolito (9-7) in taking a 10-0 lead. Bregman homered off reliever Vince Velasquez to cap the burst and homered again in the sixth.

"We made a statement," McCormick said. "We have a good offense. They're a good team. We were a little upset they beat us the first two times."

Giolito lasted three-plus innings, matching his shortest start of the season against Cleveland on July 22, when he allowed six runs on nine hits.

Giolito has allowed 15 runs on 15 hits in two starts against the Astros this season.

Luis Garcia (10-8) blanked Chicago for the first four innings, but was pulled after needing 97 pitches to complete five innings. Yoan Moncada hit a three-run homer in the fifth.

The Astros were in position to score even more. White Sox center fielder AJ Pollock robbed Jose Altuve of extra bases with a catch near the top of the fence in the sixth.

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Disqualified for disabilities, railroad workers fight back

By JOSH FUNK

AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — After Terrence Hersey had a stroke on the way home from his railroad job in 2015, he underwent months of therapy to learn how to put words together in sentences and learn to walk again. He had to relearn how to get in and out of a car and how to dress himself before his doctors eventually cleared him to return to work with no restrictions.

That recommendation wasn't good enough for Union Pacific. The railroad decided after reviewing Hersey's records — but without a doctor's examination — that he was unfit for his job overseeing inspections of stationary railcars in Chicago because of the risk he would become incapacitated.

"I had a doctor that cleared me, and then Union Pacific did not give me any kind of physical or anything. I felt tossed to the side," said Hersey.

Without his job, his car was repossessed. He lost his house. He had worked on the railroad for more than 20 years, and finding a job that paid as well as Union Pacific was hard for the 50-year-old Hersey, who now drives a school bus. For his current job, he's had no problem passing an annual medical test to retain his commercial driver's license.

"I was a 20-year man and had worked my way up to being a supervisor and had some management opportunities that I could have reached out for. Now I'm making half the money I could make. It's just like my whole world went upside down," he said.

Hersey is among hundreds of Union Pacific employees who are fighting back with federal lawsuits after losing their jobs because of health issues. Although they make up only a small percentage of the railroad's more than 30,000 employees, their cases could prove costly to Union Pacific and could hinder the

companies' efforts to fill scores of open jobs at a time when all of the nation's railroads are dealing with worker shortages.

Former Union Pacific workers have filed at least 15 other federal lawsuits, and more than 200 other complaints are pending with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that are likely to turn into lawsuits. Seven other cases have been settled.

The lawsuits were originally going to be part of a class-action case filed by former employees, but a federal appeals court decided in 2020 that the complaints had to be pursued individually. The first few cases have now been tried and verdicts over \$1 million have been issued in all three.

A spokeswoman for the EEOC said it can't comment on whether it is investigating allegations against Union Pacific. However, one of the lawyers representing the plaintiffs, Jim Kaster, said the EEOC has ongoing investigations of the railroad's practices.

"What makes this case so egregious is the planning from the top down," said Kaster, who helped handle the class-action case. "It is one thing for a rogue manager in a company to discriminate on the basis of disability. This case is different because this company targeted people with disabilities and disqualified them from working without even examining them and many times without even talking to them."

By the railroad's own count, UP said in arguments in the original class-action lawsuit that some 7,700 employees had to undergo what is called a "fitness-for-duty" review between 2014 and 2018. It's not clear how many of those people were forced out by unworkable restrictions, but lawyers for the plaintiffs estimate nearly 2,000 people faced restrictions that kept them off the job for at least two years if not indefinitely.

Biden to host unity summit against hate-fueled violence

By ZEKE MILLER

AP White House Correspondent

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — President Joe Biden will host a White House summit next month aimed at combating a spate of hate-fueled violence in the U.S., as he works to deliver on his campaign pledge to "heal the soul of the nation."

The White House announced Friday that Biden will host the United We Stand Summit on Sept. 15, highlighting the "corrosive effects" of violence on public safety and democracy. Advocates pushed Biden to hold the event after 10 Black people were killed at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket in May, aiming as well to address a succession of hate-driven violence in cities including El Paso, Texas, Pittsburgh and Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

"As President Biden said in Buffalo after the horrific mass shooting earlier this year, in the battle for the soul of our nation 'we must all enlist in this great cause of America,'" press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement. "The United We Stand Summit will present an important opportunity for Americans of all races, religions, regions, political affiliations, and walks of life to take up that cause together."

Biden will deliver a keynote speech at the gathering, which the White House says will include civil rights groups, faith leaders, business executives, law enforcement, gun violence prevention advocates, former members of violent hate groups, the

victims of extremist violence and cultural figures. The White House emphasized that it also intends to bring together Democrats and Republicans, as well as political leaders on the federal, state and local levels to unite against hate-motivated violence.

Biden, a Democrat, has frequently cited 2017's white supremacist protest in Charlottesville, Virginia, with bringing him out of political retirement to challenge then-President Donald Trump in 2020. He promised during that campaign to work to bridge political and social divides and to promote national unity, but fulfilling that cause remains a work in progress.

Sindy Benavides, the CEO of League of United Latin American Citizens, said the genesis of the summit came after the Buffalo massacre, as her organization along with the Anti-Defamation League, the National Action Network and other groups wanted to press the Biden administration to more directly tackle extremist threats.

"As civil rights organizations, social justice organizations, we fight every day against this, and we wanted to make sure to acknowledge that government needs to have a leading role in addressing right-wing extremism," she said.

The White House did not outline the lineup of speakers or participants, saying it would come closer to the event. It also would not preview any specific policy announcements by Biden. Officials noted Biden last year signed the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act and released the nation's first National

Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism.

Benavides said Biden holding the summit would help galvanize the country to address the threats of hate-inspired violence but also said she hoped for "long-term solutions" to emerge from the summit.

"What's important to us is addressing mental health, gun control reform, addressing misinformation, disinformation and malinformation," she said. "We want policy makers to focus on common sense solutions so we don't see this type of violence in our communities. And we want to see the implementation of policies that reduce violence."

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Talking Ports To Plains in Big Spring

Special to the Herald

This week, Representative Jodey Arrington (TX-19) spent the day in Big Spring, Texas, to visit with farmers and ranchers, veterans, and city officials and hosted a press conference on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor progress.

Rep. Arrington started the day at the Howard County Farm Bureau to provide an update on Congress' agriculture policy efforts and hear about the priorities and concerns of local farmers and ranchers.

"I enjoyed spending time with the Howard County Farm Bureau members to discuss priorities for West Texas agriculture producers," said Rep. Arrington. "Whether it's new trade agreements or the next Farm Bill, we must prioritize the lifeblood of rural America and ensure prosperity for the next generation of farmers and ranchers."

Next, he visited with Big Spring veterans to discuss various issues on both the local and national levels.

"Today, I had the honor of meeting with local veterans in Big Spring. Texas' Nineteenth District is home to more than 46,000 men and women who have served the United States in the Armed Forces. I'm proud to represent each of them in Congress and fighting for our nation's heroes," Rep. Arrington said.

Rep. Arrington then met with city leaders to discuss Big Spring priorities.

"It was a pleasure meeting with Big Spring Mayor Robert Moore, Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, City Manager Todd Darden, Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Director Teresa Morris, and EDC Board Member and Vice President Jeff Ward today to talk about infrastructure, the VA hospital, and other important local issues," said Rep. Arrington.

Rep. Arrington finished the day by hosting a roundtable meeting and press conference on Ports-to-Plains – providing an overview of the project, a recap of what's been accomplished, and a preview of what's to come.

"This is a game changer for West Texas with \$55 billion in additional Gross Domestic Product, thousands of new jobs, and safer and more efficient transportation of people and product across the Lone Star State," said Congressman Arrington. "I am grateful for the hard work and support from local leaders in Big Spring and beyond to ensure this vital investment for rural America that will strengthen the supply of food and fuel from the largest agriculture and energy production region in the United States."

He was joined at the press conference by Chairman of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance John Osborne, Judge Kathryn Wiseman, Jeff Ward, and Mayor Robert Moore.

"The recent interstate designation along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor is catalytic for economic development in rural communities like Big Spring," said Osborne. "Not only will this attract national companies to invest in cities along the corridor, but this project offers significant opportunities for growth and jobs for citizens as well as safety benefits for



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Breakfast
Monday-Muffin with yogurt cup or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.
Tuesday-Pancakes with sausage or cereal, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice and milk.

Wednesday=Breakfast bar (elem), stuffed bagel (JH/HS) with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday-Cheese omelet with bacon (elem), breakfast burrito, cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk.

Friday-Breakfast pizza or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch
Monday-Spaghetti bowl or turkey and cheese sub or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, savory green beans, garden salad, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Tuesday-Garlic French read pizza or chicken sandwich (elem), country fried steak sandwich (JH/HS), fries, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday-Pizza or crispy chicken salad or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday-Pizza calzone or barbecue sandwich or tots, baked beans, pineapple tidbits, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday-Steak fingers or Wild Mike's cheese bites with marinara, mashed potatoes, corn, diced peaches, fresh fruit and milk.

Big Spring ISD
High School
Breakfast
Monday-Cinnamon sugar donut, waffle bites with fruit; egg, sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal with string cheese apples, mandarin oranges, juice and milk.

Tuesday-Chocolate chip muffin, waffle bites with fruit; egg, sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Apple Jacks with string cheese, oranges, pineapple, juice and milk.

Wednesday-Mini cinnamon rolls, waffle bites with fruit; egg, sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix with string cheese, apples, fruit cocktail, juice and milk.

Thursday-Blueberry bagel, pancake bites with fruit; egg, sausage and cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix with

string cheese, banana, apple-sauce, juice and milk.

Friday-Chocolate crescent roll, waffle bites with fruit, ; egg, sausage cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs with string cheese, oranges, peaches, juice and milk.

Lunch
Monday-Cheesy fry burger, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, broccoli baby carrots, mixed fruit, oranges, juice and milk.

Tuesday-Top Your Wings bar, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, tomatoes, baked beans, peas, grapes, juice and milk.

Wednesday-Asian noodle bar, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, peas, cucumbers, peaches, apples, juice and milk.

Thursday-Chicken fried steak, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, banana, juice and milk.

Friday-Walking taco, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, side salad, corn, mandarin oranges, apples, juice and milk.

Elementary
Lunch
Monday-Cheese nachos, baked beans, strawberry applesauce and milk.

Tuesday-Fish nuggets with roll, smile fries, orange smiles and milk.

Wednesday-Pizza sticks with sauce, cucumber slices, apple juice and milk.

Thursday-Hamburger on a bun, baby carrots, strawberry applesauce and milk.

Friday-Tony's cheese pizza, baby carrots, fruit juice and milk.

Kentwood Pre-K
Breakfast
Monday-Cinnamon sugar donut, applesauce cup, 1 percent milk.

Tuesday-Apple frudel, peach cup, 1 percent milk.

Wednesday-Maple waffle bites, pineapple tidbits, 1 percent milk.

Thursday-Mini cinnamon rolls, orange smiles, 1 percent milk.

Friday-Strawberry banana yogurt cup, string cheese, red delicious apple, 1 percent milk.

Lunch
Monday-Cheese nachos, baked beans, strawberry applesauce, 1 percent milk.

Tuesday-Fish nuggets with roll, smile fries, orange smiles, 1 percent milk.

Wednesday-Pizza sticks with sauce, cucumber slices, apple juice, 1 percent milk.

Thursday-Hamburger on a bun, baby carrots, strawberry applesauce 1 percent milk.

Friday-Tony's cheese pizza, baby carrots, fruit juice, 1 percent milk.

Big Spring Intermediate
Breakfast
Monday-Cinnamon sugar donut, string cheese stick with Giant Goldfish crackers, applesauce, mandarin oranges and juice, milk.

Tuesday-Apple fuel, cereal bowl with string cheese, apple, peaches, juice and milk.

Wednesday-Maple waffle bites, cereal bowl with string cheese, apple, pineapple, juice and milk.

Thursday-Mini cinnamon rolls, cereal bowl with string cheese, orange, pears, juice and milk.

Friday-Strawberry banana yogurt with Bug Bites, cereal bowl with string cheese, apple, applesauce, juice and milk.

Lunch
Monday-Cheesy fry burger, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, broccoli baby carrots, mixed fruit, oranges, juice and milk.

Tuesday-Top Your Wings bar, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, tomatoes, baked beans, peas, grapes, juice and milk.

Wednesday-Asian noodle bar, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, peas, cucumbers, peaches, apples, juice and milk.

Thursday-Chicken fried steak, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, banana, juice and milk.

Friday-Walking taco, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, side salad, corn, mandarin oranges, apples, juice and milk.

Big Spring Junior High
Breakfast

Monday-Cinnamon sugar donut, string cheese with Giant Goldfish cracker, apple sauce, mandarin oranges, juice and milk.

Tuesday-Apple frugal, cereal bowl with string cheese, apples, peaches, juice and milk.

Wednesday-Maple waffle

bites, cereal bowl with string cheese, apples, pineapple, juice box and milk.

Thursday-Mini cinnamon rolls, cereal bowl with string cheese, oranges, pears, juice box and milk.

Friday-Strawberry banana yogurt with string cheese and Bug Bites, applesauce, apples, juice box and milk.

Lunch
Monday-Cheese hot dog with chips, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, salads and sandwiches, corn, cucumbers, mixed fruit, oranges, juice box and milk.

Tuesday-Popcorn chicken bowl, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, salads and sandwiches, broccoli, seasoned fries, pears, grapes, juice box and milk.

Wednesday-Barbecue rib-te sandwich, chicken sandwiches and pizza, salads and sandwiches, tomatoes, baked beans, peaches, apples, juice box and milk.

Thursday-Chicken fried rice, chicken sandwiches and pizza, salads and sandwiches, mashed potatoes, tomatoes, applesauce, banana, juice box and milk.

Friday-Twister burger, chicken sandwiches and pizza, salads and sandwiches, side salad, spiral fries, pineapple, apples slices, juice box and milk.

Big Spring Anderson Accelerated

Lunch
Monday-Cheesy fry burger, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, broccoli baby carrots, mixed fruit, oranges, juice and milk.

Tuesday-Top Your Wings bar, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, tomatoes, baked beans, peas, grapes, juice and milk.

Wednesday-Asian noodle bar, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, peas, cucumbers, peaches, apples, juice and milk.

Thursday-Chicken fried steak, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, banana, juice and milk.

Friday-Walking taco, assorted burgers, chicken sandwiches and pizza, side salad, corn, mandarin oranges, apples, juice and milk.

Coahoma ISD
Breakfast
Monday-Kolache with yogurt or cinnamon roll with bacon or cereal with toast, fruit, juice and milk.

Tuesday-Cheese omelet with toast or breakfast taquito or breakfast strudel, fruit, juice and milk.

Wednesday-Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon or muffin with yogurt, fruit, juice and milk.

Thursday-Breakfast pizza or breakfast strudel with cheesestick, fruit, juice and milk.

Friday-Dutch waffle with sausage or French toast with sausage or cereal with toast, fruit, juice and milk.

Lunch 9-12
Monday-Enchiladas or meat and cheese chalupa with rice, beans, corn salsa, pudding and milk.

Tuesday-Chili cheese gotchas or chicken sandwich, veggie cup, tater tots, strawberries, bananas and milk.

Wednesday-Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese or Asian bowl with egg roll, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.

Thursday-Hamburger with chips or breaded mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, milk.

Friday-Philly cheesesteak sandwich or X-Treme burrito, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, dessert, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center Menu

Monday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad/FF ranch, blushing pears, garlic toast, milk.

Tuesday: Teriyaki chicken, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, chocolate chip cookies, egg roll, milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger on bun, baked chips, lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle, tapioca pudding, milk.

Thursday: Chopped BBQ beef sandwich, potato salad, ranch style beans, strawberry shortcake, milk.

Friday: Corndog, green peas w/sweet peppers, spiced apples, rice krispy bar, milk.

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travelers.”
“Big Spring, Howard County is excited to participate in the Ports-to-Plains Corridor created by the \$1.5 trillion federal appropriation, designating the future Interstate 27 from Raton, New Mexico, through Big Spring and on to Laredo, Texas, which has arguably become our nation’s largest Inland Port,” said Judge

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- County Judge Kathryn Wiseman

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“This recently designated trade route is projected to open the Pacific Northwestern United States to high priority exchange of goods and services from Canada to Mexico.”
“The Ports-to-Plains I-27 Corridor will play a magnificent role in advancing the economic growth in Big Spring and Howard County as well as the entire West Texas Region.
The Ports Corridor designation alone has already generated significant interest in our area for commercial and industrial growth.
In anticipation of this future growth, we have focused on improving specialized infrastructure and access in key areas that will lead to exponential opportunities for new industry wanting to locate in Big Spring,” Ward said.
“We are excited and optimistic about the future development in Big Spring and Howard County, Texas and we look forward to fostering the construction and implementation of HWY I-27.”

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HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce personnel present staff members of Big Spring's H-E-B Grocery Store, 2000 S. Gregg Street, with a banner Tuesday thanking them for their contributions to and investment in the local community.

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a thank you presentation Tuesday in honor of H-E-B. The event is held weekly to thank area businesses for their investment and involvement in the community.

But due to restrictions the past couple of years the usual involvement has been on hold. All of that is about to change though with the recent lifting of those restrictions.

H-E-B administrative assistant, Kenda Jones, expressed gratitude for the recognition and said that H-E-B is looking forward to offering community events that have been on hold due to COVID.

also be able to have it's popular Feast of Sharing, a free meal offered to the community, held the second Sunday in December.

H-E-B has a longstanding tradition of investment in the Big Spring area and Jones said they are looking forward to returning to those traditions this year.

According to their online ad, H-E-B has been bringing Texans low prices since 1905. They have deals online or you can visit them locally at 2000 S. Gregg St. Their curbside service is free.

For more information on these events contact Jones at 432-263-3000.

Contact Staff Writer Andreia Medlin at 432-263-7331, or email newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

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Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
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Conservation Careers



Courtesy photo

National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) employees attend field days to learn about current concerns and to hear about upcoming or ongoing conservation projects. You can see some of their stories by watching "Conservation Careers in Texas: Working for the USDA NRCS" on YouTube.

By **JUDY TERELETSKY**

Howard SWCD District Clerk

Being a schoolteacher for 42 years and counting, I can tell you one of the most rewarding things is seeing past students becoming productive adults succeeding in their various careers. Some career paths were obvious with the student showing dedication to a job choice all through public school. Some following in family traditions or working their way up the corporate ladder. A great many decide to do the college or technical school route. As the fall term approaches, I have realized all the conservation career paths that are available to students.

People often think that careers in agriculture mean that you are "just" farmers and ranchers. Those jobs are tough and require enormous dedication to protect our land and natural resources. Add into this mix other careers to support our producers. Those who have dealt with our USDA departments such as Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) know they are committed to protect our Earth.

The NRCS offers opportunities such as Soil Conservationists, Soil Scientists, Soil Conservation Technician, Rangeland Management Specialists, Biologist, Engineer and Engineering Technician. NRCS Soil Conservationists spend most of their time in the field working with farmers, ranchers, foresters, and other land users planning and providing technical help. They suggest ways to conserve the soil, improve water quality, manage

nutrients, restore wetlands, and protect and improve wildlife habitat. Soil Conservation Technicians survey and design conservation practices, oversee their installation and ensure they meet quality standards while Soil Scientist identify problems such as soil moisture and erosion. Rangeland Management Specialists help plan grazing systems that improve the quality of forage and other grazing land functions. They suggest ways to use grazing animals as tools to improve and sustain natural resources, offer advice on water management, invasive species control, and sustainable forage production. NRCS Engineers have specialized skills in erosion control, water management, structural design, construction, hydraulics, soil mechanics, and environmental protection. Job assignments may include restoring streams, controlling erosion, developing water systems for livestock, improving and conserving irrigation water, or restoring wetlands.

There are other careers open for people in the NRCS that are trained in areas from accounting to landscape architecture, cartography to geographic information systems, hydrology to legislative affairs and a great many others. Some are careers that are vital but don't come to mind when thinking of agriculture.

One can readily see how a veterinarian is a vital resource for farmers and ranchers, but have you ever considered the role of a florist in agriculture? Let me enlighten you on some jobs I never considered.

Flowers are a vital part of our ecology providing food and habitat for the pollinators throughout the world. Florist jobs range from the growing to the artistic arranging of the product. Formal training isn't always necessary for an entry position and jobs are available from small business to large hotels and corporations. There is an increasing demand for plant walls in the larger cities to bring nature inside businesses, homes and apartments.

Remote sensing specialists interpret and analyze many types of aerial photographs and satellite images. They may use color infrared photos to map forest types or areas of irrigated cropland, or to determine areas of insect or disease infestation in forests or croplands. They use thermal infrared scanners to locate and monitor forest fires and to define areas of thermal pollution in rivers and lakes. They use computers to analyze scanner data and create maps of land cover and changes in the land like deforestation. Many state and federal agencies such as the U. S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, etc. hire remote sensing specialists. Many commercial companies also hire these specialists to analyze data and to produce maps and other products for themselves or for the government agencies with whom they have contracted. Remote sensing specialists are usually people who enjoy working with maps and computers, and often enjoy mechanical drawing

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and art, as well as communication skills like speech and debate.

Viticulturnist is a growing career in Texas. This career provides the opportunity to work for wineries, wine grape growers, growers and processors of raisin and table grapes as well as juice processors. Viticulturists may find themselves working in the vineyard pruning, trellising, canopy management, irrigation, pest management, disease control, grape varietal breeding, and other jobs. Viticulturists often find themselves working with

international marketing and government regulations. This career appeals to many types of people because you might be the outdoors person, the research scientist, the wine lover or marketer.

Speaking of outside careers, have you ever considered Turf Scientists? Turf scientists must be both scientists and people persons. They often work outside caring for lawns, golf courses, park sites, athletic fields or grounds around corporation headquarters. They may operate computer-controlled irrigation equipment or mowing machines. They can be golf course superintendents, turf managers for football or baseball stadiums, park site managers, grounds managers for corporate headquarters, sod producers and even sales reps or teachers in

educational institutions.

People who want to apply their education and experience to making sure that all of us enjoy the benefits of productive soil, clean water, clean air, and abundant wildlife that come from a healthy environment have lots of choices in agriculture or conservation. There are other factors to consider when training for a career from employee benefits to quality of work life. There are internships, volunteer opportunities, and temporary positions available while you are in school to remain an important part of taking care of our land. No matter what career you choose you can still be committed to protecting and conserving our natural resources.

Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame accepting nominations through Nov. 1

Special to the Herald

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame committee is seeking nominations through Nov. 1 of individuals and organizations for induction in next year's hall of fame.

"The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is made up of a growing list of 37 individuals and organizations who have made a significant impact on freshwater fishing in the state," said Dan Kessler, TFF Hall of Fame Committee Chair. "Whether it's an outdoor writer, pro-angler, fishing club or leader of industry, we look forward to continuing to honor

and recognize everyone that helps make Texas fishing the best it can be."

The nominees will be evaluated by the members of the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame committee made up of anglers, industry professionals and organizations involved in Texas freshwater fishing. Inductees will be chosen based on the following criteria: ethics, leadership and commitment, unselfish contributions to the sport, scope of impact on freshwater fishing and fishing/fisheries management expertise and impact. The winner will be announced in spring 2023 and will be presented with their award in a special ceremony.

"We are excited to review all of this year's nominations and welcome the newest inductee into this prestigious group of individuals and organizations that have contributed so much to the world class fishing that Texas offers," Kessler added.

Professional angler Gary Klein of Mingus -- the 2022 inductee -- will officially be inducted at the annual Hall of Fame banquet which will take place in October at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

The recently remodeled Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is housed at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. Its mission is to "recognize and honor those who

have made a lasting contribution to freshwater fishing in Texas, and to foster a sense of appreciation, awareness and participation in the sport of fishing."

Nomination forms and instructions are available online at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/visit/virtualtour/halloffame/nominate.phtml> or by calling (903) 676-2277.

Following his induction, a video highlighting the 2022 TFF Hall of Fame selection Gary Klein will be available at TPWD's YouTube Channel under the title: Gary Klein, Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.

Stocks fall broadly, S&P 500 set to break winning streak

By DAMIAN J. TROISE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell in morning trading on Wall Street Friday, putting major indexes on track for losses that will end a solid run of weekly gains.

The S&P 500 fell 1.1% as of 10:16 a.m. Eastern. The benchmark index is now on track to break a four-week winning streak. The Nasdaq fell 1.8% and is also set to end four weeks of gains.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 270 points, or 0.8%, to 33,729 and is slightly in the red for the week.

Technology stocks had some of the biggest losses and the sector's dip weighed heavily on the broader market. Microsoft fell 1.3%.

Retailers, banks and industrial firms also fell sharply amid the broad slide.

Meme stock Bed Bath & Beyond sank 40% after the high-profile activist investor Ryan Cohen con-

firmed that he's sold his stake in the company.

Bitcoin fell nearly 8%, to \$21,432, dragging the rest of the crypto market down with it.

Bright spots included General Motors, which rose 2.4% after reinstating its dividend. Foot Locker soared 20.6% after replacing its CEO and reporting earnings that beat Wall Street's estimates.

Trading has been choppy throughout the week as investors reviewed the latest batch of earnings from retailers and updates on spending, home sales and the employment market.

Big retailers including Walmart and Target have warned investors that inflation is crimping consumer spending. Department store owner Macy's will report its results next week.

A report on retail sales this week showed that spending remains resilient as gasoline prices fall and help ease some pressure from inflation.

Wall Street is trying to determine how stubbornly hot inflation is affecting businesses and consum-

ers and whether the economy can remain resilient and avoid a recession.

The data from government and corporate reports is also being closely watched as investors try to determine how the Federal Reserve will continue with its plan to fight inflation by raising interest rates. The goal is to raise rates and slow down economic growth to cool inflation. But, the central bank is threading a fine line between taming inflation in an already slowing economy and hitting the brakes too hard and veering the economy into a recession.

Minutes of the Fed's July meeting released this week said inflation is still too high and made clear the central bank will keep raising interest rates. The central bank has raised interest rates twice this year by 0.75 percentage points, triple its usual margin. Forecasters currently expect a hike of a half-percentage point at the board's next meeting.

Federal study: New climate law to slice carbon pollution 40%

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

Clean energy incentives in the new spending package signed this week by President Joe Biden will trim America's emissions of heat-trapping gases by about 1.1 billion tons (1 billion metric tons) by 2030, a new Department of Energy analysis shows.

The first official federal calculations, shared with The Associated Press before its release Thursday, say that between the bill just signed and last year's infrastructure spending law, the U.S. by the end of the decade will be

producing about 1.26 billion tons (1.15 billion metric tons) less carbon pollution than it would have without the laws. That saving is equivalent to about the annual greenhouse gas emissions of every home in the United States.

The Energy Department analysis finds that with the new law by 2030, U.S. greenhouse gas emissions should be about 40% lower than 2005 levels, which is still not at the U.S. announced target of cutting carbon pollution between 50% and 52% by the end of the decade. But that 40% reduction is similar to

earlier calculations by the independent research firm Rhodium Group, which figured cuts would be 31% to 44% and the scientists at Climate Action Tracker, which said the drop would be 26% to 42%.

Most of the projected emissions reductions in the nearly \$375 billion spending package would come in promoting "clean energy," mostly solar and wind power and electric vehicles, the federal analysis said. More than half of the overall projected emission drops would come in how the nation generates electricity, the analysis said. About 10%

of the savings in emissions come from agriculture and land conservation.

The new law's provisions that call for oil and gas leasing on federal land and water "may lead to some increase" in carbon pollution, the federal analysis said, but the other provisions to spur cleaner energy cut 35 tons of greenhouse gas for every new ton of pollution from the increased oil and gas drilling.

Outside experts, such as Bill Hare of Climate Action Tracker, say the new law is a big step for the United States, but it's still not enough con-

sidering that America is the biggest historic carbon polluter, had done little for decades and lags behind Europe.

"At this point anything going in that direction you count as a win, right? I mean after so long a time of total inaction and knowing how difficult politically it is to get the country moving in a direction like this due to politics and economics and all the other things involved with this issue," National Center for Atmospheric Research climate scientist Gerald Meehl said

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Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Caige Joseph Miller, 26, and Hannah Lea Cates, 26, both of Big Spring.
David Roy White, 27, and Haylea Nicole Hodnett, 31, both of Big Spring.
Alvin Fenton Best, 72, and Sheryl Childers, 69, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Noe
Respondent: Martha Quiroz
Type of Case: Divorce - No Children
Date: August 15, 2022

Plaintiff: Stasha Ford
Respondent: Angel Hinojosa
Type of Case: Protective Order - No Divorce
Date: August 16, 2022

Plaintiff: Megan Breau

Respondent: Aaron Braux
Type of Case: Divorce - Children
Date: August 17, 2022
Plaintiff: Kenneth Wells
Respondent: Renzenberger, Inc., Unknown Life Insurance Company
Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: August 16, 2022

County Court Rulings

Offender: Matthew Fowler
Offense: Resit Arrest Search/Transport
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$70 reimbursement fee, time served
Date: July 26, 2022

Deeds

Type: Warranty Deed
Grantor: Hans Hutchinson
Grantee: The Marcia L Hutchinson Revocable Trust
Property: NW/4 Section 33, Blk 32, T2N, T&P RR Co., Howard County, Texas
Date: July 25, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: David L Wilson and Susan K. Wilson
Grantee: Dereck Wilson

Property: Tract 1: A 3.00-acre tract in a 10.36-acre tract in SW/4 Section 18, Blk. 32, T&P RR Co.
Date: August 12, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Edward Alvarado and Elisa Rene Alvarado
Grantee: Chris Sandoval and Abigail Chavez
Property: Lot 6, Blk 17, Kentwood Addition
Date: August 12, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Robert Lindsey, Kimberley Christine Childers AKA Christy Childers, Darla Childers Keller, and Darrol Childers, Heirs of Lloyd Lindsey, Deceased
Grantee: Brenda Madore
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 18, College Park Estates.
Date: August 10, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Wendy Neefe FKA Wendy Diane Mize
Grantee: Haley Mize
Property: Lot 29, Blk. 1, Capehart Addition.
Date: August 11, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Britni Dececchis
Grantee: Santos Garza and Mary Garza
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 4, South Haven Addition
Date: August 11, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Michael Lindsey Jr.
Grantee: Kyle Long and Rachel Long
Property: Lot's 6 & 7, Blk. 5, Saunders Addition, City of Coahoma
Date: August 12, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Leoardo Rios and Joanne Killen
Grantee: Anthony J Fuentes
Property: Tract 1: A 5.54 acre more or less in Section 17, Blk. 32, T&P RR Co.
Date: August 8, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Jacob Kenneth Froman
Grantee: Jessica Rene Carlson and Jacob Robert Carlson
Property: Lot 13, Blk. 2, University Gardens No. 2 including Blk. 1, Lots 1-4, and Blk. 2, Lots 1-5
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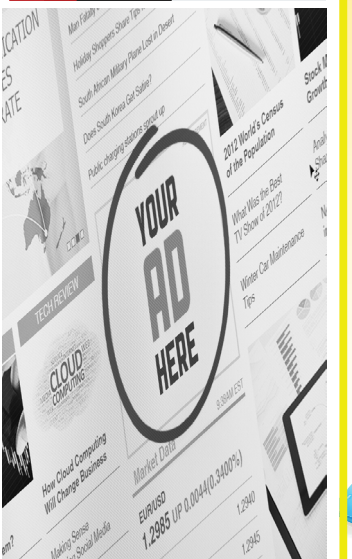
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9:30	Franklin	Programa	Paid Prg.	Pet Vet	Programa	Wild Child	Rocks	Clifford	Ocean	Open Rd				SportCtr	A Fishing	Waves	Zombie Flip	Expedition Unknown
10:AM	Free Ent.	Programa	Paid Prg.	All In	Programa	One	Israel	Pink	Pets.TV	Ready-				SportCtr	UFC Live			
10:30	Hearts of	Programa	Paid Prg.	Nick	Pelicula: The Black Stallion, Teri Garr (SS)	Vets-Pets Soccer	Truth for Life	Dinosaur	Raw Trav.	Rescue	(10:47) Movie: Star Wars: The Force Awakens	Movie: Wonder Woman, Connie Nielsen (DVS)	SportsCenter	WNBA Basketball: Playoffs: Teams TBA.	The Rally Rewind	Premier	Move or	Expedition Unknown
11:AM	Brain Fog	Programa	Paid Prg.	Bucket	Shockwave (SS)	Premier League Soccer	Heritage	Martha	Sports	Made				Pro Fighters League	Athletes Unlimited Softball	Fast Lane	60 Days In	Monterey 2022
11:30	Paid Prg.	Programa	Relief	Pets			Freedom	Nature	Big World	Paid Prg.								
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Public Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0336006
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 9, 2022 Status/Permit No. 88201
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

Public Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A Rule 37 Case No. 0336457
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 17, 2022 Status/Permit No. 882903
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 7, 2022
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
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P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
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A double-avoidance play

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K 8 3
♥ K 9
♦ K Q 10 7 2
♣ Q 6

WEST
♠ Q J 2
♥ Q 10 7 6
♦ 6 4
♣ J 10 9 8

EAST
♠ 7
♥ A J 4 3 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ K 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 9 6 5 4
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9 3
♣ A 4 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

A competent declarer does everything he possibly can to guard against unfavorable distribution. Today's deal illustrates the type of reasoning required in a potentially dangerous situation.

West leads the jack of clubs against four spades, and declarer covers the jack with the queen, hoping West has led from a combination headed by the K-J-10. But when East produces the king, declarer runs into his first problem — whether to take East's king with the ace.

South correctly reasons that it would be a mistake to win the trick. This is because he knows that East on lead can do him no harm, whereas if South takes the king with the ace, the contract might fail if West later gained the lead with a club and shifted to a heart.

So declarer ducks the king and wins East's club continuation with the ace. South then leads a low trump and, after West follows with the deuce, plays the eight from dummy! When the eight unexpectedly wins, declarer draws trump, cashes five diamond tricks, discarding his two heart losers, and later ruffs a club in dummy to finish with 12 tricks.

It is true that any declarer seeing all four hands would do just as well. However, the deep trump finesse at trick three is not based on a peek at the opponents' cards. Looking at only the North-South hands, the trump finesse is clearly the right play. South fully expects the eight to lose to the jack or queen — which is what would normally happen — but with East on lead, the contract is virtually assured.

Note what happens if declarer plays the ace or king of spades from dummy at trick three instead of finessing the eight. Regardless of what he does next, he eventually goes down one, losing a trump, two hearts and a club.

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 un-leased 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.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mary Crosswell, at (817)3128504.

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : RTR-WOLF 40-52 A UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. : A 2H
Lease/Unit Acres : 802.62
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 880.0

Lease Lines : 247.0 F NORTH L, 1231.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines : 247.0 F NORTH L, 1231.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 400.0 F NORTH L
1230.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: BORDEN
Section: 45 Block: 25 Abstract: 47
Survey: H&TC RR CO
Lease Lines: 2782.0 F NORTH L
1282.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
1230.0 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 6700 feet.

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Crisis looms without big cuts to over-tapped Colorado River

By SAM METZ and KATHLEEN RONAYNE

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Hydroelectric turbines may stop turning. Las Vegas and Phoenix may be forced to restrict water usage or growth. Farmers might cease growing some crops, leaving fields of lettuce and melons to turn to dust.

Those are a few of the dire consequences that could result if states, cities and farms across the American West cannot agree on how to cut the amount of water they draw from the Colorado River.

Yet for years, seven states that depend on the river have allowed more water to be taken from it than nature can replenish. Despite widespread recognition of the crisis, the states missed a deadline this week to propose major cuts that the federal government has said are necessary.

And again, the government failed to force harsh decisions and stopped short of imposing the cuts on its own, despite previous threats to do so.

Any unilateral action from federal officials would likely move conversations from negotiating tables to courtrooms and delay action even longer.

The river, which cascades from the Rockies down to the deserts of the Southwest, quenches the thirst of 40 million people in the U.S. and Mexico and sustains a \$15 billion-a-year agricultural industry.

But for a century, agreements governing how it's shared have been based on faulty assumptions about how much water is available. With climate change making the region hotter and drier, that discrepancy is becoming impossible to ignore.

Lake Powell and Lake Mead, the two largest reservoirs that hold Colorado River water, have fallen to dangerously low levels faster than anyone expected. The decline threatens to disrupt hydroelectric power production and water sent to cities and farms.

Though everyone agrees the stakes are high, states and the U.S. government have struggled to reach a consensus on what to do.

People have "been hoping to stave off this day," said Felicia Marcus, a former top water official in California, which holds the largest right to the river's water. "But now I think we can't expect Mother Nature to bail us out next year. The time for some of these really hard decisions is now."

The river is also tapped by Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Mexico and some tribes.

For years, officials have issued warnings about the state of the river, but also reassured people that the system won't crash. That two-part message was front and center this week, when the states failed to meet a deadline set by the Bureau of Reclamation for them to propose 15% to 30% cuts to their water use.

As the deadline passed Tuesday, the potentially dramatic moment amounted to a shrug. Officials said they still have faith the states will reach a deal if given more time.

Visiting California the next day, Reclamation Commissioner Camille Tonton repeatedly dodged questions about what might happen next. She's given no specifics about what the bureau's more aggressive actions might look like, or when they might happen.

The federal government, she said, "is ready to move forward on our own." But officials "will continue to talk to everybody about what the process is."

Not everyone is satisfied with that approach.

"I'm asking them to at least lay out very clearly how that threat will be imposed," Southern Nevada Water Authority General Manager John Entsminger said.

Entsminger and his counterparts in Arizona, Utah and California, as well as local officials in and around Phoenix, also repeated what has become a common refrain: They said they were gravely concerned about the river's future, yet wanted to reassure their water users that the river won't stop flowing im-

minently.

"This is not a situation where people should be concerned about, you know, water running out in days or weeks or even months. But it's very clear that this entire river system is experiencing something that's never happened before," said Wade Crowfoot, California's natural resources secretary.

The cuts would force hard decisions about who has to live with less. Water bills could rise as states tap other sources and adopt technology such as wastewater recycling to make up the difference.

In some places, officials have voluntarily implemented strict conservation measures, including limiting lawn watering and paying farmers not to plant fields, even banning new water hookups. The climate legislation signed Tuesday by President Joe Biden provides \$4 billion that could be used to pay Colorado River users to cut back, but it's not clear how that would work.

The river's shrinkage has inflamed tensions between Rocky Mountain states and their downstream neighbors over who should shoulder the burden. It also pits growing cities against agricultural regions.

In Pinal County, Arizona, Kelly Anderson grows specialty crops for the flower industry and leases land to alfalfa farmers whose crops feed cattle at nearby dairy farms. He expects about half of the area to go unplanted next year, after farmers in the region lose all access to the river.

Though farmers use most of the water, they have less wiggle room to conserve than cities, which can more easily recycle water or tap other sources. The river is a lifeblood in places like California's Imperial Valley, which grows vegetables like broccoli, onions and carrots. Water shortages could send ripple effects throughout the food system.

States aren't the only ones at the table. Native American tribes hold some of the oldest water rights and occupy a unique position in negotiations because the federal government is required to protect their interests.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes along the Arizona-California border have contributed water to boost Lake Mead in the past. They could be called on again.

"Our senior rights do not mean we can or should sit on the sidelines," Colorado River Indian Tribes Chairwoman Amelia Flores said. "We won't let this river die."

Upper basin states — Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming — argue that they shouldn't face cuts because they historically haven't used all the water they were promised a century ago.

They want to protect their share in anticipation of population growth and haven't pursued policies that save water as much as states like Arizona and Nevada.

Zach Frankel, executive director of the Utah Rivers Council, said many in the Rockies cling to an erroneous belief that their water rights are safe, cuts will continue to hit their downstream neighbors and one wet winter could reverse the river's decline.

"If we don't agree about what the crisis is, we're not going to have the impetus to come up with a solution," he said.

Arizona, Nevada and California say they're willing to put water or money on the table, but so far that hasn't been enough to yield an agreement.

A growing chorus of veteran officials and environmental advocates say both the states and the federal government are sending muddled messages by stressing the gravity of the situation yet delaying meaningful action.

James Eklund, an attorney and former director of the Upper Colorado River Commission, said the shrinking reservoirs present an opportunity to rethink how to manage the river and incentivize conservation — if only officials will take it.

Bureaucrats, he said, continue to think they can postpone changes. The problem is "that doesn't really work here because no action means we're driving toward a cliff."

US poised to announce new military aid, drones for Ukraine

By LOLITA C. BALDOR and MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is poised to announce it will provide Ukraine with nearly \$800 million in new military aid Friday, including at least a dozen Scan Eagle surveillance drones, according to several U.S. officials.

Officials said the bulk of the aid package will be additional Howitzers and ammunition, including Javelin missiles that the Ukrainian military has been using effectively to try and hold off Russian forces and take back territory Moscow has gained. Two officials confirmed the new inclusion of the portable, long-endurance drones which are launched by a catapult and can be retrieved.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the aid ahead of its public release.

For much of the last four months of the war, Russia has concentrated on capturing the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine, where pro-Moscow separatists have controlled some territory as self-proclaimed republics for eight years.

Russian forces have made some incremental gains in the east, but they have also been put on the defensive in other regions, as Ukraine ratchets up its attacks in Ukraine's Black Sea peninsula of Crimea. The Russian-occupied territory was seized by Moscow in 2014. Nine Russian warplanes

were reported destroyed last week at an airbase on Crimea in strikes that highlighted the Ukrainians' capacity to strike deep behind enemy lines.

Russian leaders have warned that striking facilities in Crimea marks an escalation in the conflict fueled by the U.S. and NATO allies and threatens to pull America deeper into the war.

This latest aid comes as Russia's war on Ukraine is about to reach the six-month mark. Already the U.S. has sent Ukraine more than \$9 billion in weapons systems, ammunition and other equipment. It would be the 19th time the Pentagon has provided equipment from Defense Department stocks to Ukraine since August 2021.

Efforts to tamp down the fighting have also continued. On Thursday, Turkey's leader and the U.N. chief met in western Ukraine with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. They discussed a range of issues including prisoner exchanges and an effort to get U.N. atomic energy experts to visit the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine.

The facility has been controlled by Russian forces since shortly after the invasion began on Feb. 24 and has been the target of a number of explosions. Kyiv and Moscow accuse each other of shelling the plant, stoking international fears of a catastrophe on the continent.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said

he would follow up with Russian President Vladimir Putin, given that most of the matters discussed would require the Kremlin's agreement.



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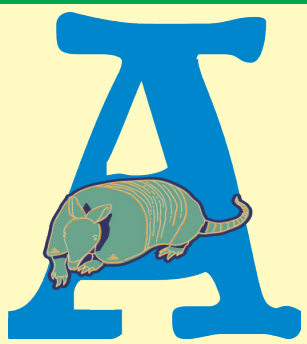
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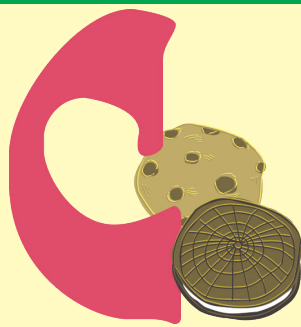
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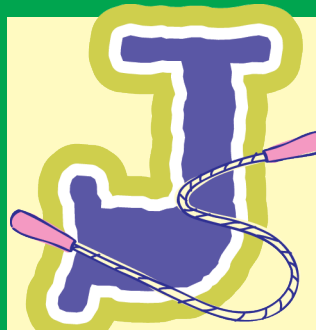
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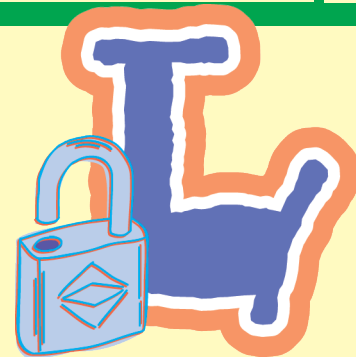
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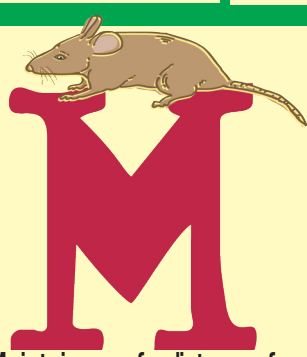
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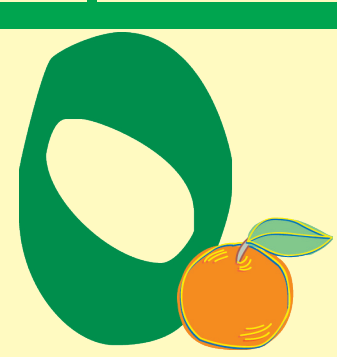
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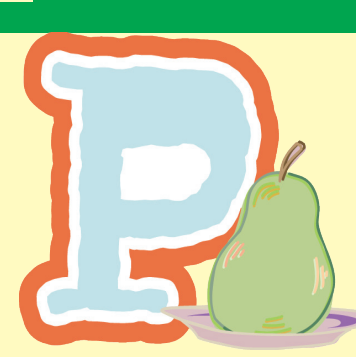
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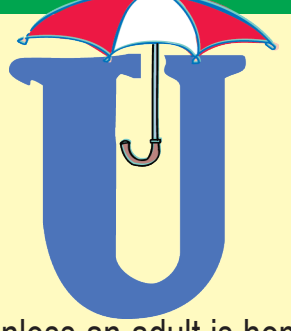
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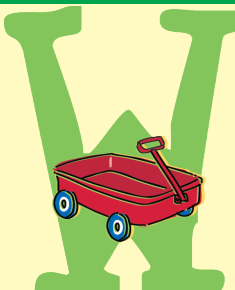
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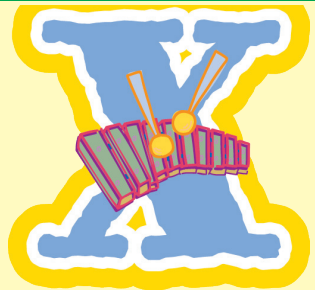
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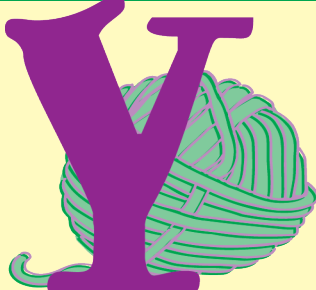
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