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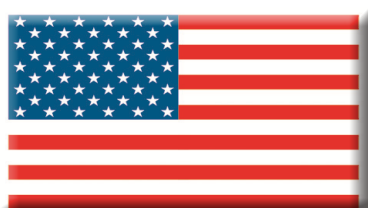
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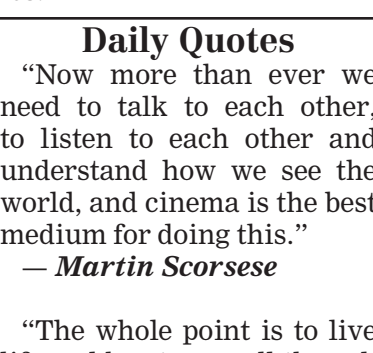
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Upcoming Local Events
Nov. 19: Starting at 11 a.m., ALSA in Big Spring will host a Burger Bash Fundraiser at their clubhouse, 803 N. Lamesa Hwy., to fund necessary medical and travel expenses for Savannah Smalling, aka My Sweet Savannah. Plates are \$12 and include a burger, chips, dessert and drink. Delivery (minimum two plates) is available by calling Candice Smalling at 432-816-0999.
Dec. 10: Christmas in Coahoma at the Park sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, will be 3 to 6:30 p.m. The event will include hayrides, caroling, Christmas art projects for kids, free coffee and hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies.

Daily Quotes
 "Now more than ever we need to talk to each other, to listen to each other and understand how we see the world, and cinema is the best medium for doing this."
 — *Martin Scorsese*
 "The whole point is to live life and be - to use all the colors in the crayon box."
 — *RuPaul*

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Forsan coach arrested on improper relationship charges

Herald Staff Report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office has arrested Forsan ISD teacher and coach Kendall Phillips on a charge of improper relationship between educator and student.
 According to information provided by the Sheriff's Office, the arrest occurred at 11:05 a.m. Tuesday morning.



PHILLIPS

Forsan Superintendent Dane Richardson issued the following statement regarding the arrest: "On November 14, 2022, the District received an anonymous tip concerning interactions between an employee and a student. On receipt of the tip, the District immediately began its investigation and notified the proper authorities. The District is fully cooperating with Howard County Sheriff's Department and the individual in question is no longer employed by FISSD."

Three veterans awarded Quilts of Valor



By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Contributing Writer

Photo courtesy Amanda Duforat
Veterans (from left) Rachel Burrow, Claud Fryar and Willie Nichols received Quilts of Valor for their military service during a ceremony Sunday at 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Sunday worship, praise and honor to the Lord, and a special veteran recognition ceremony ...
 Members of 14th and Main Church of Christ were part of a special Quilt of Valor ceremony during a recent potluck following Sunday service. Three local veterans - Rachel Burrow, Claud Fryer and Willie Nichols - were presented with a Quilt of Valor by veteran Mike Tarpley.
 "Honoring veterans is a special honor that I have been blessed with and these three presentations are just as special as any," Mike Tarpley, Quilt of Valor presenter and Vietnam Veteran, said. "Being able to extend appreciation to a fellow soldier is a type of honor that can't be described in words."
 One of the three veterans to receive a quilt was Willie Nichols, an U.S. Air Force veteran. Nichols served from 1957- until 1961. He enlisted with his friend under the buddy system right out of high school. According to Nichols, they promised to stay together until bootcamp was over, but they only managed to stay together for about half of the time. During his service, he was stationed at Lackland AFB in San Antonio and at Webb AFB in Big Spring. While at Webb, he served as a heavy equipment operator. Following him being stationed at Webb, Nichols would be stationed at Thule Greenland Air Base where he continued serving as a heavy equipment operator, but in snow control. Upon his discharge he was stationed at McGwire AFB in New Jersey.
 "Oh, Wow..I was so surprised. I wasn't supposed to be honored. I

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Young Coahoma students named 'Top Dogs'



Courtesy photo
 Pictured are Coahoma Elementary Students who were awarded a Top Dog certificate for the first nine-week grading period of the academic year. These students were chosen by their teachers for exemplifying hardwork and a positive attitude. They are: Jarely Callejas, Stormie Bozeman, Jaxon Hayes, Camila Rocha, Pistol Melendez, Tyler Hudgins, Mason Flores, Paisley Melendez, Allison Sheppard, Seth Barron, Tracyn Lopez (shown separately, top), Greyson Bozeman, Holly Ann Elliott, Rankin Renfro, Rhett Froman, Nathaniel Salinas, Brock Martin, Gordon Arnoldy, Nyla Franoc, Braygn Wright, Avery Henderson, Mayson Bose (shown separately, bottom), Haylie Murray, Miguel James, Kinzlee Henderson, Everett Stevenson, Madison Campbell, and Mason Gammons.

Coahoma FFA sends four teams to LDE area contest

COAHOMA — The Coahoma FFA Chapter had an excellent day at their host El Rancho District LDE (Leadership Development Events) contest on Thursday.
 Four Coahoma teams consisting of 16 students advanced to Area LDE competition after placing either first or second

in their respective contest.
 "Our kids worked tirelessly this season to advance each of their teams, for several it was a learning experience and they are already fired up for next year to apply all that they have learned," said Ashley Pierce, Coahoma FFA sponsor. "I am extremely proud of our newcom-

ers as well as our veterans. Now is the time to put our heads down and prepare for our area contest."
 Area Qualifiers are:
 1st Place Ag Issues Team - Reagan Grant, Emily Green, Crista Hamby,
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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Nov. 14-16:

- **STEVEN ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 50, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **C.J. LESHAWN HARRIS**, 21, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd apt. 604, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **OSCAR MIER**, 48, of 606 E. 12th St., was arrested on a warrant for theft of property greater than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750.
- **JUAN MIGUEL ORTIZ**, 33, of 5816 Dogwood Rd., was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended, resisting arrest, search or transport and failed to control speed.
- **ROSENDO CRUZ RODRIGUEZ**, 52, of 804 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.
- **LISCO COLLIN RANDALL**, 50, of 1705 Jennings, was arrested on a warrant for violation of protective order-goes to or near residence/employment/school.
- **ERNESTO RODRIQUEZ**, 47, of 2006 Johnson, was arrested on a warrant for fail to identify giving false/fictitious information.
- **CINDY MILLS DENNIS**, 52, of 5822 Oak Rd., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **LIZA LEIGH GARFIAS**, 38, of 1905 Wasson Rd. apt. 64, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MARCOS AURELIO SALINAS**, 49, of 5515 Longshore Dr. was arrested on a warrant for cruelty to animals-confines cruelly.
- **ALANNA SALINAS**, 22, of 5515 Longshore Dr. was arrested on a warrant for cruelty to animals-confines cruelly.
- **KENDAL PHILLIPS**, 23, of 105 Teachers Rd. was arrested on a charge of improper relationship-educator and student.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported at 1413 Wood.
- **BURGLARY IN PROGRESS** was reported at 1309 College Ave.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at 820 and CR 28.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported at 302 W I 20.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at 3613 W Hwy 80.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 400 S. Gregg.
- **THEFT** was reported at 3613 W. Hwy 80.
- **ASSAULT** was reported at 3611 W. Hwy 80.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at 508 S. 1st St.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at 901 W. 3rd St.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at S. Gregg and FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported at 3613 W. Hwy 80.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity. Today's jail count is 104.

- **C.J. LESHAWN HARRIS**, 21, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. apt. 604, was arrested by Big Spring Police Department on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GABRIELLA ANN MEDINA**, 29, of 1109 E. 13th St. was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of duty on striking unattended vehicle.
- **OSCAR MIER**, 48, of 606 E. 12th St., was arrested on a warrant for theft of property greater than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750.
- **JUAN MIGUEL ORTIZ**, 33, of 3118 Chacota, Laredo, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, resisting arrest search or transport and fail to control speed.
- **MARCO ANTONIO SANCHEZ**, 26, of 2623 Roosevelt Ave., Midland, was arrested by HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. and resist arrest search or transport.
- **STEPHEN JOE BURTON**, 49, of 9904 W. County Rd. 152, Midland, was arrested by HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 4 grams but less than 200 grams.
- **CINDY LOU DENNIS**, 52, of 1805 State St., was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$750 but less than \$2,500.
- **LIZA GARFIAS**, 38, of 2401 Gatesville Rd., was arrested on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check.
- **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND**, 33, of 5203 Sterling Rd., was arrested by HCSO on a charge of resist arrest search or transport.
- **KENDALL PHILLIPS**, 23, of 105 Teacher Rd., Forsan, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of improper relationship between educator and student.
- **SHANNA MARIE PIERCEFIELD**, 42, 2206 SW Monticello, was arrested by HCSO on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. and criminal mischief.
- **ALANNA SALINAS**, 22, of 5515 Longshore Dr. was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for cruelty to non-livestock animal.
- **MARCOS AVELO SALINAS**, 49, of 5515 Longshore Dr. was arrested by HCSO on a charge of cruelty to non-livestock animal.
- **MARCO ANTONIO SANCHEZ**, 26, of 2623 Roosevelt Ave., Midland, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. and resist arrest search or transport.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity Nov. 14-15:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1400 block of S Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1500 block of E 17th St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 6100 block of N Service Rd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 5500 block of Longshore Dr. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1000 block of N Main St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2600 block of S Anderson Rd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the 2400 block of S Gregg St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1600 block of S Nolan St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 200 block of E 22nd St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 700 block of N. Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 100 block of Tubb Loop Rd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1400 block of N. Hwy 87. One person transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700. No transport.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 100 block of NW 3rd St. One person transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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



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US will require hot air balloon pilots to pass medical exam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are requiring pilots of hot air balloons carrying paying passengers to pass an annual medical exam, similar to the requirement for pilots of commercial planes and helicopters.

The Federal Aviation Administration adopted a long-delayed final rule on Wednesday that includes the requirement for a medical certificate, which includes examination by an FAA-approved examiner.

Congress approved the requirement in 2018 and directed FAA to adopt a rule detailing the requirement by the spring of 2019.

When that deadline came and went, lawmakers accused the agency of ignoring Congress' directions.

Balloon pilots had long been exempt from the requirement.

The FAA instead went along with voluntary guidelines set by an industry trade group.

The National Transportation Safety Board

recommended ending the exemption, however.

Safety board members criticized the FAA after a 2016 crash in Texas that killed all 16 people on board, the deadliest hot air balloon accident in U.S. history.

Investigators determined that the pilot was probably impaired by a variety of medicines when he flew into a power line.

The man had told his psychiatrist that he stopped taking his anti-depressant medication, and the psychiatrist documented the man's mood as "not good."

Robert Sumwalt, then the chairman of the safety board, questioned why the FAA endorsed voluntary requirements written by a balloon industry trade group instead of tightening regulations.

Last November, the FAA published proposal to require medical certificates.

About 200 people and groups commented before the agency issued its final rule.

Tom Brady, Larry David, other celebrities named in FTX suit

NEW YORK (AP) — A host of Hollywood and sports celebrities including Larry David and Tom Brady were named as defendants in a class-action lawsuit against cryptocurrency exchange FTX, arguing that their celebrity status made them culpable for promoting the firm's failed business model.

FTX has been in the public eye for more than a week, after the third-largest cryptocurrency exchange ended up with billions of dollars worth of losses and had to seek bankruptcy protection. The Bahamas-based company and its founder, Sam Bankman-Fried, are under investigation by state and federal authorities for allegedly investing depositors funds in ventures without their approval.

Before its failure, FTX was known to use high-profile Hollywood and sports celebrities to promote its products. It had the naming rights to a Formula One racing team as well as a sports arena in Miami. Its commercials featured "Seinfeld" creator David, as well as Brady, the star quarterback of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, basketball players Shaquille O'Neal and Stephen Curry, and tennis star Naomi Osaka.

The lawsuit filed late Tuesday alleges that these sports and TV celebrities brought instant credibility to FTX, and should be held just as culpable as Bankman-Fried.

"Part of the scheme employed by the FTX Entities involved utilizing some of the biggest names in sports and entertainment—like these Defendants—to raise funds and drive American consumers to invest ... pouring billions of dollars into the deceptive FTX platform to keep the whole scheme afloat," the lawsuit said.

Class-action attorney Adam Moskowitz filed the lawsuit in the Southern District of Florida. Moskowitz is the attorney representing the victims in the collapse of a Florida residential tower in Surfside, Florida.

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QUILTS

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gave myself to our country but I am grateful and emotional," Nichols said as emotion overflowed.

The Quilt of Valor is a symbol of appreciation by all those whose hands have helped put the pieces together. The quilt is meant to serve as a sign of appreciation, but also as an extension of a community, a nation that understands no words will ever be enough.

"If I could give advice to my great grandson Jack or anyone wanting to join the military, it would be to get their college education before enlisting that way they have a head start. Also, keep your health up," Nichols said.

Rachel Burrow - another of the veterans honored - served two years in the United States Army. During her service, she was stationed at joint base Lewis-McCord in Washington. She served in the 555 Engineer Brigade.

"Receiving a Quilt of Valor has been an honor. I walk past it everyday with a smile of gratitude that I've been a recipient and a heart that is reminded of sacrifice, honor and duty to one's country," Rachel Burrow, Army Veteran, said.

Lastly, Veteran Claud Fryar served in the Army National Guard from 1969 until 1975. Fryar went through boot camp in Fort Campbell, Kentucky and then to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for Artillery Training. The unit he served in was based in Big Spring - the building at the base of Scenic Mountain on the north across from Hillcrest Church.

"I was pleasantly surprised to receive the Quilt of Valor and very appreciative of the work that went into making my quilt. It will be cherished by my family for years to come," Claud Fryar, veteran, said.

During Fryar's six years of service he would meet with his group a weekend each month and for a two-week Summer Camp at different Army bases

in Texas. The National Guard could have been called up at any time to serve in a conflict.

"Every member of the service is important to the freedoms that we have today," Tarpley said. "Each man and woman who signed on that dotted line, willing to sacrifice their lives for their country, for their family, for their friends and complete strangers, is deserving of recognition and gratitude."

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

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

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

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

Since the founding of the organization, more than 300,000 quilts have been awarded in the United States, Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan. With each quilt the mission to honor service members and veterans is fulfilled - one human-being reaching out and touching another without judgement, reaching

out with acceptance and with acknowledgement of service to our nation in very trying circumstances. According to Tarpley, this presentation draws him almost to 100 Quilts of Valor presented in Howard County.

"The Quilts of Valor Foundation recognizes war demons that plague soldiers from all wars. There are thousands of quilters across the United States working to make these quilts to cover our warriors, from all conflicts," Tarpley said. "Each of these quilts is composed of love, tears, and heartfelt appreciation and gratitude from many ladies."

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

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

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

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

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

FFA

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Brianna Mims, Kylee Key, Mya Sanchez, and Braxton Blair

1st Place Radio Broadcasting Team - Jocelyn Young, Zoie Joslin, and Katy Harris

1st Place Greenhand Skills Team - Addison Collier, Kamryn Atkins, Bentley Grant, and Paisley Osborn

2nd Place Senior Skills Team - Mya Sanchez, Katy Harris, Savannah Can-

tu, and Emma Alaman

Area contest will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Ira High School

FFA LDE and CDE (career development events) contests are aimed at developing leadership skills including active listening, problem solving, decision making, and communication. Among the many contests are job interviews, ag issue and ag advocacy presentations, and FFA Creed recitations

FFA is a national program designed to teach students leadership skills

and personal growth through agricultural education.

Team results (Coahoma only)

4th Place Senior Skills Team - Charlie Mashburn, Isabella Cox, Neely Key, and Kylee Key

4th Place Ag Advocacy Team - Katie Jones, Heartley Best, and Neely Key

4th Place Greenhand Skills Team - Kaden Baker, Kobi Olivas, Paityn Kilpatrick, and Addison Hart

4th Place Greenhand Quiz Team - Aiden Bryand, Riley Daniels, Esan Sullivan, Kobi Olivas

7th Place Greenhand Creed Speaker - Riley Daniels

9th Place Job Interview Candidate - Savannah Cantu

9th Place Senior Creed Speaker - Kierstyn Beeman

Senior Creed Speaker - Mikaela Vasquez

Senior Quiz Contestants - Alex Smalley, Charlie Mashburn, Kyla Lacefield, Katie Jones, Emily Green, Jaidyn Vineyard, and Reagan Grant

Take Note

• Everyone welcome! Western Swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at Dora Roberts Community Center 100 Whiskey Dr. Every third Friday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments provided. For more information call 432-517-9097.

• Mystic Wonders Healing, located at 204 S. Main St., presents: Full Moon Markets. Every month on the 8th join us from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and learn about the full moon, how to make moon water, take advantage of sales in the store and meet a variety of vendors.

• Shannon Clinic, 2503 Gregg St., will hold a drive-through flu vaccine clinic Friday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a \$35 vaccination fee for flu shots. High-dose vaccine is also available for \$80. Cash, check and insurance is accepted. If submitting insurance, no payment is required at the time of service; please bring your insurance card.

• History Nerds - Great Courses Lecture Series of the American West: History, Myth and Legacy meets every Wednesday at noon 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.

• 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>.

• The BSAA meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna - a two dose and Janseen - a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

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

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

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 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.

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

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Howard Co. Area Sports Schedule

Nov. 17: Forsan Buffaloes vs New Deal Lions Area playoff game at Denver City. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Mustang Stadium.

Nov. 17-19: Coahoma Bulldgettes Basketball (Varsity) at Merkel Tournament in Merkel. TBA

Nov. 17-19: Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) at Abernathy Tournament in Abernathy. TBA

Nov. 18: Big Spring Steers vs Wichita Falls Coyotes Area playoff football game at Clyde. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium.

Nov. 18: Coahoma Bulldogs Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Reagan County at Coahoma. Games start at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 18: **CANCELLED** - Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV 1, JV 2, & Varsity) non-district matchup against Borden County at Forsan. Games start at 4 p.m.

Nov. 18: Howard College Hawks Basketball at Kilgore Classic against Kilgore College. Game starts at 6 p.m.

Nov. 18: Howard College Lady Hawks Basketball at Western Texas Classic against Trinidad State College. Game starts at 1 p.m.

Nov. 19: Howard College Hawks Basketball at Kilgore Classic against Tyler Junior College. Game start TBA.

Nov. 19: Howard College Lady Hawks Basketball at Western Texas Classic against Coastal Bend College. Game starts at 11 a.m.

Nov. 19: Big Spring Lady Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Crane at Big Spring. Games start at 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 21: Big Spring Steers Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Regan County at Big Spring. Games start at 2:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Nov. 21: **CANCELLED** - Forsan Buffaloes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Klondike at Forsan. Games start at 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Nov. 21: Forsan Lady Buffaloes Basketball (Varsity) non-district matchup against Klondike at Forsan. Game starts at 1 p.m.

Nov. 22: Big Spring Steers Basketball (Freshmen, JV, & Varsity) non match up against Andrews at Andrews. Games start at 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 22: Coahoma Bulldgettes Basketball (JV & Varsity) non-district matchup against Roscoe Highland at Coahoma. Games start at 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Bulldogs open up basketball season with a 61-37 win over Post at home



Courtesy photos/Lyndel Moody

Left, Coahoma's Ryan Shifflett gets the layup during the Bulldogs varsity game with Post on Tuesday. Right, Coahoma's Landon Wells flights through a couple of Post defenders during the Bulldogs varsity game with Post on Tuesday. The Bulldogs will host the Reagan County Owls on Friday in Coahoma. Game times are at 5 p.m. for JV & 6:30 p.m. for Varsity.

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Contributing Sports Writer

For a team that had only one practice the Coahoma Bulldogs did pretty well in their season opener against the Post Antelopes Tuesday night at home. Under the direction of new coach Lonnie Burnam, Coahoma posted a convincing 61-37 win in front of the home crowd.

Coahoma just finished the football playoffs last Friday, so Burnam had little time to get his team together since eight of his players played on the football squad. Even more impressive he started a lineup that included freshman point guard Boyd Cox and freshman post player Landon Wells.

Both played admirably as Cox directed the offense and scored seven points to go along with five assists. Wells helped lead a big Coahoma rebounding edge with 12 boards to go along with 12 points.

There was also junior forward Ryan Shifflett who added his veteran leadership to the tune of 22 points to go along with nine rebounds. "I really didn't know what to expect," said Burnam. "We had one practice yesterday (Monday) and had a walk through today. I had no idea what we were going to do. We played the whole game without running the same play more than once," he laughed.

"These kids really like running and that's an advantage. We did a good job of getting into their passing lanes." It showed. Coahoma had so many steals and forced the overwhelmed Post team into a mind-boggling 39 turnovers.

Post had 12 turnovers in the first four minutes of the game. Shifflett made 4-of-6 shots from the field and Coahoma led 21-9 after the first quarter and never looked back. Burnam had used all of his 10 players in the first quarter. Coahoma will host

Reagan County Friday at 8 p.m.

COAHOMA - Jesse Hernandez 1 0 2; Michael Hernandez 0 1 1; Ryan Shifflett 10 1 22; Rowdy Atkins 2 0 4; Boyd Cox 2 3 7; Devon Bennett 3 0 6; Billy Bailey 4 0 8; Landon Wells 4 4 12; totals 25-69, 10-25 61,

POST - Jacob McClennan 1 1 3; Keyandre Jefferson 1 0 3; Cruz Navarro 5 2 12; Jamarion Reed 4 2 10; Jon Adams 0 2 2; Keden Mack 1 0 2;

TOTALS 14-50, 9-24, 37.

COAHOMA 21-16-11-13 - 61.

POST 09-09-07-12 - 37.

Turnovers - Coahoma 20, Post 39; Rebounds- Coahoma 53 (Wells 12, Shifflett 9, Bennett 7) Post 33 (Reed 7, Jefferson 5); Assists - Coahoma (Cox 5, Bennet 4); Post (Navarro 3); Steals Coahoma (Shifflett 3, Wells 3, Atkins 3); Post (Navarro 2); Blocked Shots - Coahoma (Shifflett 1, Bennett 1); Post (Adams 1. Mock 1, Fouled out - Post (McClennan 1, Mock 1).

Second Time Around

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Contributing Sports Writer

MIRACLE ON GRASS

Big Spring has had a football team for 113 years. Never won a state championship. Had some good years, but has not been known as a football powerhouse. There is a ton of Big Spring players that have graced pro-football life. We all know about Ryan Tannehill and Bubba Franks.

Then there is Pro Bowler John Thomas, Smith, a 12-year veteran wide receiver-punt returner who played with the St. Louis and Kansas City in the late 70's and early 80's. Charlie Johnson was a 14-year quarterback who played for the St. Louis, Houston and Denver. He played in the early 60's and mid 70's.

Ken Coffey, a strong safety who got a championship ring in 1983 when Washington beat the Miami. So who was Big Spring's most memorable team? The Steers made it to the Class 4A state semifinals in 1989 where they lost to Tyler Chapel Hill 59-6 at Pennington Field in Bedford. I know this because I was there.

Chappel Hill was the best team in the state that year. Even better than the Odessa Permian Panthers, who won the 5A state title that same year. I know this because I saw Permian play that year. Chappel Hill had something like 14 D-I players. I saw those talented young men play and they were awesome.

That Big Spring team was loaded with talent. They had a top tier quarterback in Rance Thompson, coached by his father David Thompson. There was wide receiver-running back Neil Mayfield who was a 6-foot-3, 215-pound beast. Big Spring also had a 150-pound safety Freddy Rodriguez who led the state in interceptions with 11.

To get to the semifinals Big Spring had to play Monahans in the quarterfinals in Midland. Monahans was in the same district as Big Spring. The Steers won the district match 28-16. Big Spring did it twice, nipping the Lobos 20-19 on a December 9th afternoon.

Big Spring's most memorable football victory? Now I'm gonna take you back to November 22, 1963. A solemn day in American history. I was a solemn tot at the time. The news came over the TV that President

John F. Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas, sending most of the nation into a grieving state.

I really didn't understand the magnitude of what was happening. All I remember was my mother and auntie sobbing. That Friday night the Steers were scheduled to host the San Angelo Central Bobcats in a district game at Memorial Stadium.

Unlike many sporting events that were canceled that day, Big Spring and San Angelo decided to play. The highly regarded Bobcats came in as the state's top rated team, at one time was rated No. 1 in the nation.

The Steers, coached by Don Robbins had a pretty salty team themselves. Their only losses that season came to Odessa High 12-6 and Abilene High 35-14. That Odessa High team was quarterbacked by Larry Gatlin, a member of the famed Gatlin Brothers country music group.

Quarterback Albert Fierro keyed a 20-6 Big Spring win that night over Central. Fierro ran for two touchdowns and threw for another. The exclamation point came when Fierro took off on a scramble and turned it into a 67-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

The Steers defense stifled Central's vaunted straight t offense and "The Miracle on Grass" was complete. There were numerous stars on the field for Big Spring. Most notable was Charlie West, who spent 12 seasons in the pros. West, a defensive back-return specialist, played in the big game for the Minnesota, a game that Minnesota lost to Kansas City 23-7 in 1970.

Other prominent players on that Steers team were Baxter Moore, Ray Navarrette and Johnny Hughes, Dick Irons, Bill Caire, Rica Flores and Joe Juare. This list goes on and on for that team. The whole team was golden on that blissful night. So even though Big Spring has never won a state crown, that my friend goes down as the biggest gridiron win in Steer history - all the time with the nation in mourning.

WILDCATS PRIMED AND READY

Defending state champion Westbrook Wildcats football made a firm statement with its 72-22 win over Garden City. It avenged its only loss of the season to a good Garden City team. It was all in Homer Matlock's game plan. Just get better every

week. "We want to be playing our best football as we hit the playoffs. We are scouting and game planning," Matlock said.

PLAYOFF FESTIVAL

If you are a football fan and have some time on your hands. Clyde is the place to be Friday. You can catch a double dose of 4A football. Andrews vs Decatur at 4 and Big Spring versus Wichita Falls at 8. Economy will get a boost in "little ole Clyde". District 2-4A teams ran the gauntlet opening round of playoffs, sweeping the El Paso Schools. Keep a close eye on Lubbock Estacado and Brownwood.

TIME FOR FORSAN-NEW DEAL II

Familiar second round playoff foe for Forsan. The two teams met last year and hooked up in an exciting game that saw New Deal prevail 28-24. New Deal (8-3) saunters in riding a seven game win streak. It drummed Highland Park 71-18. Forsan (9-2) outlasted a tough Stamford team 21-14.

Forsan coach Justin Phillips said his team's diligence paid off. "We didn't fall down after we fell behind," said Phillips of the game last week. "We played a physical football game all night. "We have to limit New Deal's big plays. We have to fly to the football and control the line of scrimmage." That sounds like Forsan football to me. Look for another barnburner.

COUGARS ROAR

After a 54-year hiatus. the Klondike Cougars are headed back to the state volleyball tournament this week by virtue of its 3-1 win over Van Horn in the Class 1A regional finals. Klondike's other two state appearances came in 1967 and 1968.

Coach Katie Cruz's squad, ranked No. 5 in the state, sporting a 35-15 record, will take on No. 4 Benjamin (33-7) in the semifinals in Garland. Key players on the Klondike team are hitters Bella Stevens and Izabella Arismendez and middle court players Neihmaya Howard and Raeleigh Bellows.

Cruz said she saw it in the making. "I knew early on this was a very special group of girls," she said. "They had all the right stuff to go all the way. I knew if we stayed healthy there was a chance this could happen. They (team) come to practice every day with a goal in mind."



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Good Luck GP3



Gavin,
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Love Mom, Alecc, Lynnix-Jo & Jaxten

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Eli, we are so proud of the young man you have become. Continue to WTD every day. Good luck this week.

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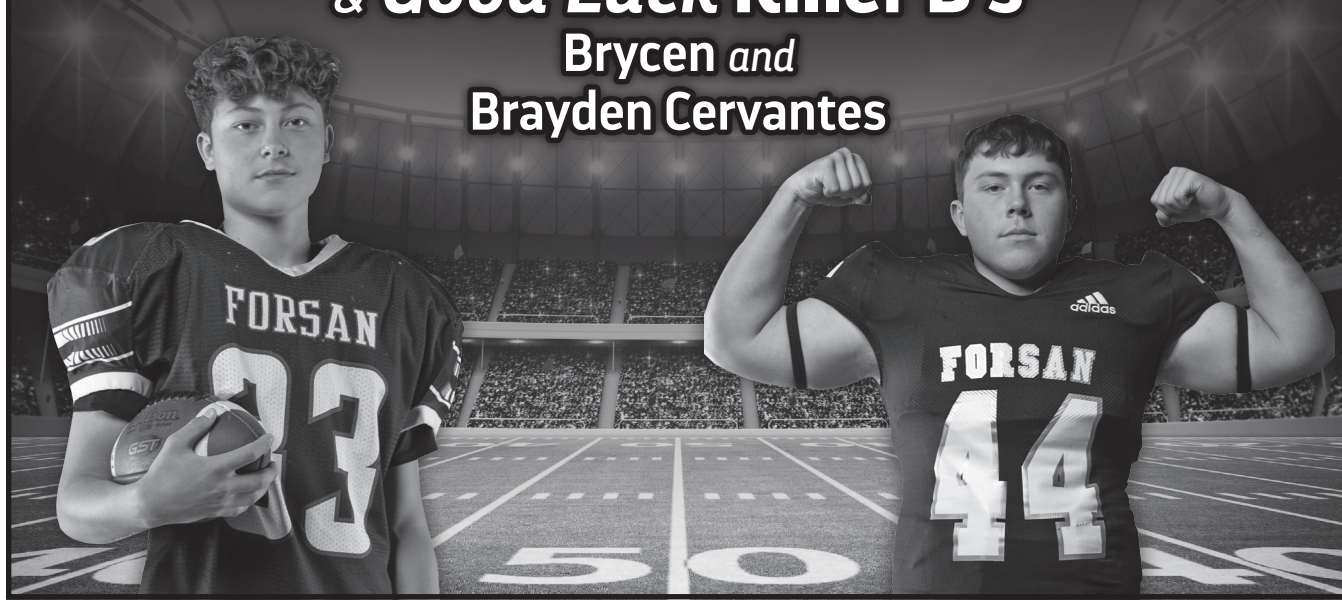


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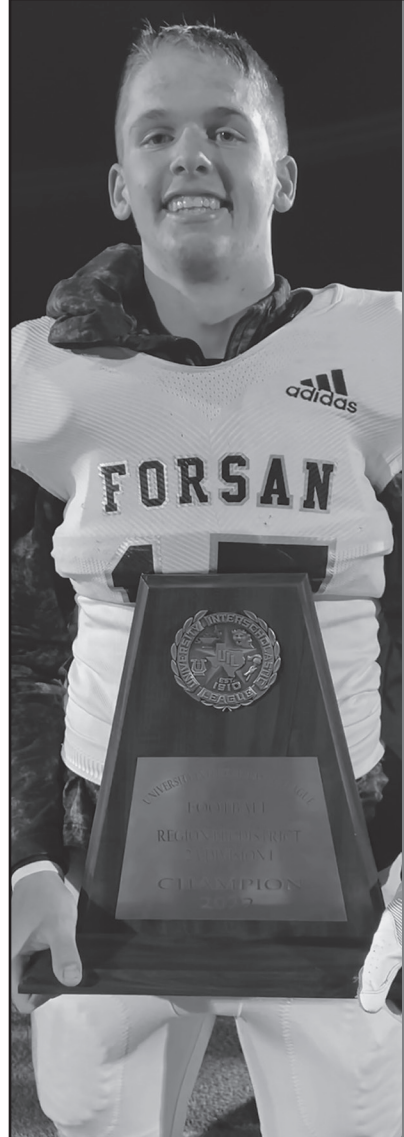
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0337615
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 9, 2022 Status/Permit No. 885132
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 30, 2022
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRR.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the HIGHPEAK ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 385826] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 10, Bk. 25, H&TC RR CO/NICHOLS, M B Survey, A-1476, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 21 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, 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 Protester 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.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	: VALENCIA 10-8 A UNIT	
Lease/Unit Well No.	: A 3H	
Lease/Unit Acres	: 640.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	: null	
Lease Lines	: 390.0 F NORTH L, 541.0 F EAST L	
Survey Lines	: 390.0 F NORTH L, 2075.0 F WEST L	
Rule 37 Case No.	: 0337615 (Dist. 08)	
Wellbore Profile(s)	: Horizontal	
Lateral	: TH1	
Penetration Point Location		
Lease Lines	: 300.0 F SOUTH L, 2510.0 F WEST L	
Terminus Location		
BH County:	: HOWARD	
Section: 8	Block: 25	Abstract:
Survey:	: H&TC RR CO/GREENE, S W	
Lease Lines:	: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 119.0 F EAST L	
Survey Lines:	: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 2510.0 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.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mary Crosswell, at (817)3128504.

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Lease/Unit Well No.	: L 5H	
Lease/Unit Acres	: 640.0	
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	: 440.0	
Lease Lines	: 390.0 F NORTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L	
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There is no way to guarantee the contract 100%, but you can come close to that figure by planning your play carefully. The best approach is to let East's queen hold the opening club lead, take the club continuation with the ace and ruff a club in dummy. You then play the A-K of trump, and when they turn out to be divided 2-2, making the contract suddenly becomes a certainty. You no longer have to worry about the location of the A-Q of spades or queen of diamonds, or how the diamonds are divided. So you lead a spade from your hand at trick six and play the jack from dummy. As it happens, East wins with the queen, but this is not a matter of great concern because he will have to hand you your 10th trick whether (1) he returns a spade and makes dummy's king a trick, or (2) he returns a diamond into dummy's K-J, giving you a free diamond finesse, or (3) he returns a club — if he has one — and hands you a ruff-and-discard. Note that you must lead a spade toward dummy at trick six, not a diamond. If you were to try a diamond finesse instead, you would go down one after East won and returned a diamond.

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How businesses can persevere in the face of adversity Millions of individuals envision being their own boss and gaining financial independence, and those are just two reasons why starting a business can be an exciting prospect. Novice entrepreneurs are likely familiar with just how difficult it can be to get going and sustain a business for years. The United States Department of Labor Statistics says 20 percent of small businesses fail within the first year. By the end of five years, nearly 50 percent have closed their doors. This information shouldn't make aspiring entrepreneurs run for the hills, but it can serve as motivation to avoid common mistakes and learn from others. Every new business venture is met with obstacles along the way. Recognizing potential

challenges and learning how to sidestep them is an important part of growing a successful business. Make a business plan A business plan is crucial and will begin with your vision and what you want to achieve. The business guidance site The Balance: Small Business suggests including the following in your business plan: a mission statement; list of the products or services that will be offered; the niche a business intends to establish itself in; marketing strategies; which problems a business will solve in its industry; and how business owners plan to position themselves against competitors. An effective business plan can serve as a guide that business owners can use to get started and then return to as their business grows and evolves.

Choose the right people The business solutions company Don't Do Business Without It says choosing the right employees or cofounders is very important. It may be tempting to hire a friend or family member because you want to do them a favor. You may even have had a successful working relationship in the past. But it's best to base hiring decisions on applicants' competence and skills. Integrity also is a good trait to look for in an employee. Strategies for retention also should be a priority. Pew Research says roughly 40 percent of millennials will change jobs in a year's time. Figure out how to make your business so attractive that employees will want to become long-term fixtures. Ask for help or consider mentors All business owners experience problems

from time to time, but the obstacles a business faces have no doubt challenged others in the past. Business owners should not feel as though they need to go it alone to prove their mettle. Business owners can reach out to a mentor or someone in their professional network when faced with a new and challenging obstacle. A study by UPS showed that 70 percent of business owners who received mentoring survived for five years or more. That's nearly double the rate of those who didn't seek assistance. Asking for help with problems can also free up energy for other components of the business, which allows owners to play to their strengths. Any business will face obstacles and adversity, but with the right mindset and people, any obstacle can be overcome.

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back are no longer an issue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People have different tempos, and one style is no better or worse than another: it's just different. Today you'll feel most comfortable and energized around people who match your rhythm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It only takes one connection to make your personal life go from being a stale routine to an inspired journey. While adapting to circumstances, your behavior may seem momentarily illogical, but there's a method to your madness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As a rule, you're generous with compliments even when your surroundings aren't quite praiseworthy. Complaining is bad form unless health and safety are threatened. You'd rather work for change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Emotional intelligence is earned through experiences. You'll soon give a gift. Of course, it's not the amount you spend that matters, just that you get it right. Ask for help, even if you must ask the eventual receiver.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The funny, intelligent and loving person who comes into your life today will be none other than you! This is the best sort of reunion: meeting yourself again with the recognition that it's been a while and you're better than ever.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Says the famous Bob Dylan lyric, "When you ain't got nothin', you got... nothin' to lose." You feel free today, as some of the things that have held you

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Does everything have to be hard won? You realize when you're in a sweet zone and your gratitude for the easy parts makes them last longer. Not everything of value must be attained by sweat and struggle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). At first you don't even realize what you want, but if you listen to those tugs of attraction they may turn into longing -- an uncomfortable gift, as it's the major clue we humans have to figuring out our own happiness.

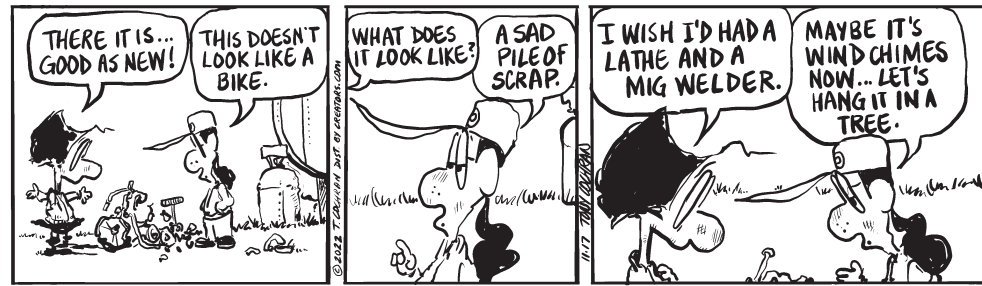
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 17). It's not about whether you get what you want from the end of a project. The important part is really just finishing. You will do what you set out to do and what happens from there will be a little mysterious, but also quite magical. The most important talent to apply is your tenaciousness. It will bring a key victory. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 18, 4, 44 and 16.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Lorne Michaels created one of the longest-running network programs in American television history. The producer of "Saturday Night Live" began as a radio broadcaster and went on to write for television. A Scorpio with Mars in Scorpio, Michaels' instinct for humor is based on his innate understanding of human nature and what comedy is: a delicate combination of truth and pain.

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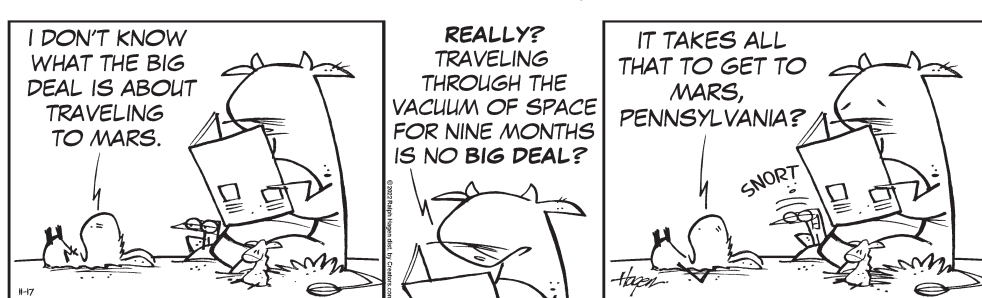
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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Mercury Follows Venus

Human beings are notoriously bad at knowing what will make them happy. It's typical for a person to think that what made the next guy happy is also for them, when happiness is never a one-size-fits-all situation. As the communication planet follows Venus in the realm of Sagittarius, we're willing to consider a wider variety of options.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What's good on paper isn't always good in person. A tally of matched qualifications isn't something that can be felt. Chemistry, on the other hand, can be powerfully felt. It's what you strive for and it's what you'll get.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Group dynamics are ever-changing. A group is a delicate and temporary balance of energy. It's nice when things work in both the group and one-on-one contexts. You'll get the individual attention you deserve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Two turns past desire and one click beyond passion... that's where rage lives. Rage doesn't have to be angry or negative. It's always powerful, and best focused on what's important to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People become like those they align themselves with. You don't have to have personal relationships with your role models for them to be powerfully affecting. You'll choose them from the

Newsday Crossword

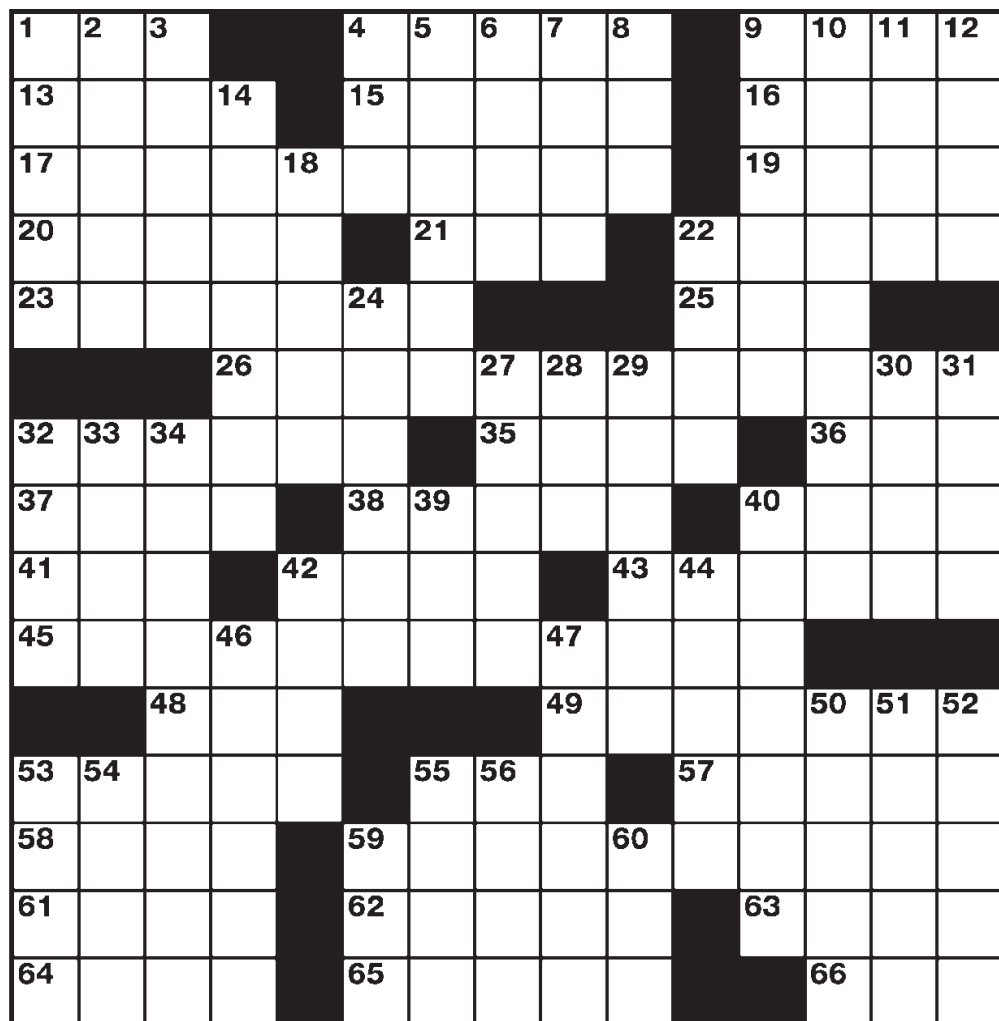
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- 1 Imaginative pursuit
- 4 Snapshot setting
- 9 Freight carrier
- 13 Needing a battery charge
- 15 Furlough
- 16 Quick stick
- 17 Handywoman's special
- 19 Maraud
- 20 Novelist Zola
- 21 Common coffee-break time
- 22 Magnet ends
- 23 Basic nature
- 25 French affirmation
- 26 Playground staple
- 32 Scattered about
- 35 Vane venue
- 36 Big little name in WWII headlines
- 37 Low digits
- 38 Possum habitat
- 40 Did some weeding
- 41 Poetic preposition
- 42 Flue stuff
- 43 Rids of errors
- 45 Maker of miracles
- 48 Lob's path
- 49 Breakfast bar ingredient
- 53 Fancy neckwear
- 55 Picnic discard
- 57 Eat into
- 58 In ___ (fully)
- 59 Totally awesome
- 61 German auto
- 62 180
- 63 Circular highway
- 64 High degrees

- 65 "Personal" records
 - 66 Paris' Avenue ___ Champs-Élysées
- DOWN**
- 1 Cost of a commercial
 - 2 Champagne region city
 - 3 Prepares for takeoff
 - 4 Seasonal bug
 - 5 Swans, in a Christmas song
 - 6 First-aid kit item
 - 7 Place for pizza
 - 8 According to
 - 9 Pop out of the ground
 - 10 Short-term alliance

- 11 Sooner
- 12 Gets hitched
- 14 Gets rid of
- 18 Freshen up
- 22 "Just like that!"
- 24 Bleep out
- 27 Muse of poetry
- 28 ___-com (film genre)
- 29 Midwestern capital
- 30 Scratched (out)
- 31 Some house wines
- 32 Hearty dinner
- 33 Rancho beast
- 34 Staged an historic battle
- 39 "That's amazing!"
- 40 Flavor added to a roast

- 42 Faction of a faith
- 44 Doled (out)
- 46 Displays overeagerness
- 47 Parliamentary procedure pro
- 50 Enticed, with "in"
- 51 One-named British singing star
- 52 Old-fashioned oath
- 53 Perched on
- 54 New sorority member, perhaps
- 55 Overly clever
- 56 Sonata designation
- 59 Temp
- 60 Temp monitors



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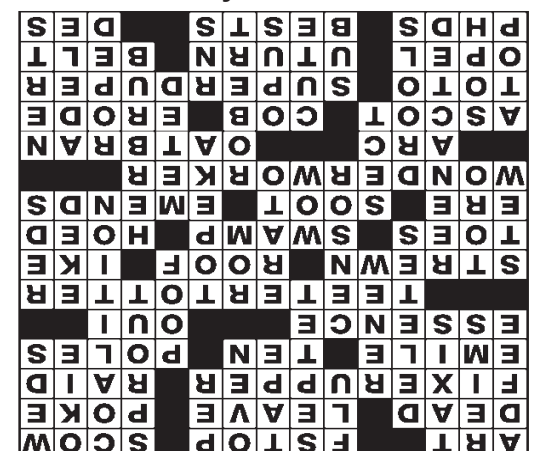
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Here's How It Works:

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

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Today's Answers



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Texas to execute man for killing ex-girlfriend and her son

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas inmate seeking to stop his execution over claims of religious freedom violations and indifference to his medical needs is scheduled to die Wednesday evening for killing his pregnant ex-girlfriend and her 7-year-old son more than 17 years ago.

Stephen Barbee, 55, is slated to receive a lethal injection at the state penitentiary in Huntsville. He was condemned for the February 2005 deaths of Lisa Underwood, 34, and her son Jayden. Both were suffocated at their home in Fort Worth. They were later found buried in a shallow grave in nearby Denton County.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday declined an appeal from Barbee's lawyers to halt the execution.

Barbee's attorneys had asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stay his execution, arguing his religious rights are being violated because the state prison system, in the wake of a ruling by the high court on what spiritual advisers can do while in the execution chamber, did not create a written policy on the issue.

In March, the U.S. Supreme Court said states must accommodate the wishes of death row inmates who want to have their faith leaders pray and touch them during their executions. Texas prison officials didn't formally update their policy but said they would review inmates' petitions on a case-by-case basis and would grant most reasonable requests.

Earlier this month, U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt in Houston issued a preliminary injunction,

saying the state could only execute Barbee after it had published a clear policy on spiritual advisers that protects an inmate's religious rights. Last week, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned Hoyt's injunction, saying it was overbroad.

On Tuesday, Hoyt issued a new injunction focused specifically on protecting Barbee's rights. The 5th Circuit on Wednesday also overturned this injunction.

The Texas Attorney General's Office said in a previous court filing that Barbee's claims are moot as state prison officials are allowing his spiritual adviser to touch him and pray aloud during his execution.

Also Tuesday, Hoyt denied a separate request by Barbee's attorneys for an execution stay over claims the inmate's right to avoid cruel and unusual punishment would be violated. His lawyers say Barbee has physical constraints that limit the movement of his shoulders and arms and he would experience "intolerable pain and suffering" if he is executed in the normal manner with his arms outstretched on the gurney so that IV lines can be placed to deliver the lethal injection.

In a court filing from earlier this month, lawyers with the Texas Attorney General's Office assured Hoyt that prison officials would make accommodations for Barbee and allow his arms to remain bent and if needed would find another location to place the IV lines.

On Monday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles unanimously declined to commute Barbee's death sentence to a lesser penalty or to grant a four-month reprieve.

Prosecutors said Barbee killed his ex-girlfriend and her son because he didn't want his wife to

know Underwood was seven months pregnant, presumably by him. DNA evidence later revealed Barbee wasn't the father. Underwood owned a Fort Worth bagel shop, which was named after her son. She and her son were reported missing after failing to show up at a baby shower.

Barbee confessed to police he killed Underwood and her son but later recanted. Barbee said the confession was coerced and has since maintained he is innocent and was framed by his business partner.

His trial, including sentencing, took less than three days to complete in February 2006.

Barbee is set to receive a lethal injection on the same day that Arizona executed Murray Hooper for killing two people during a home robbery in Phoenix on New Year's Eve 1980. Hooper received a lethal injection Wednesday morning.

The executions come despite waning support in recent years for the death penalty across all political parties. About 6 in 10 Americans favor the death penalty, according to the General Social Survey, a major trends survey conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. While a majority continue to express support for the death penalty, the share has declined steadily since the 1990s, when nearly three-quarters were in favor.

So far, 14 people have been executed across the U.S. in 2022, all by lethal injection. This year's total number of U.S. executions is already higher than last year's more than three-decades low of 11. Besides tonight's scheduled execution of Barbee, two more are slated for Thursday in Alabama and Oklahoma.

If Barbee is executed, he would be the fifth inmate put to death this year in Texas. He is the last inmate scheduled for execution this year in the state.

Jury acquits man in Houston officer's road rage clash death

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury in Texas has acquitted a man who said he fired in self-defense when he fatally shot an off-duty Houston police officer.

Robert Soliz was charged with murder for the death of police Sgt. Sean Rios, who was killed in a shootout while the sergeant was on his way to work.

The gun battle followed a road rage clash that led both Soliz and Rios to exit the highway in 2020. Soliz testified that Rios swerved into his lane, nearly hitting him, and that he never identified himself as a police officer. Prosecutors and defense attorneys differed on who fired first.

The jury found Soliz not guilty Tuesday after deliberating for more than seven hours, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Soliz looked back to his family after the verdict was read and mouthed "I told you," according to the newspaper. Soliz remained jailed on other charges unrelated to Rios' death.

"We saw the evidence differently than the jury, and though we cannot agree with the jury's decision, we appreciate their time and service," said David Mitcham, first assistant with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. "Our hearts remain with Sean Rios's widow and four children, who will now grow up without their father. Officer Rios spent his time here on Earth serving and protecting the people of Houston, and he gave his life in that noble effort. He will always be remembered for the hero that he was."

Defense attorney Paul Looney told Houston TV station KTRK that prosecutors didn't have "a shred of evidence" to show the shooting was more than self-defense.

"They put this man and his family through hell for two years," Looney said. "But I'm relieved because the damage wasn't for life because it could have been life."

Texas sends next busload of migrants to Philadelphia

By **PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Tuesday that Philadelphia will be the next destination for migrants the state is transporting from the U.S.-Mexico border by the thousands to Democratic-led locales, putting a new bus on the road a week after the Republican easily won reelection.

He did not say how many migrants were on board or whether more than one busload was sent. But in a shift, Abbott said a "first bus" was due to arrive Wednesday, publicly offering some advanced notice of an arrival following criticism over buses that suddenly turned up in New York, Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

Texas has transported more than 13,000 migrants to those cities since April. Abbott has sent the buses to Democratic-led cities as a way to maximize exposure over what he says is inaction by the Biden

administration over high numbers of migrants crossing on the southern border.

Critics have waved off the buses as a political stunt, but voters rewarded Abbott last week with a record-tying third term as Texas governor in his race against Democrat Beto O'Rourke. Abbott made a series of hardline immigration measures the centerpiece of his campaign.

Nearly 6 in 10 voters favored Abbott's decision to send migrants to northern cities, according to AP VoteCast, an expansive survey of almost 3,400 voters.

In a statement announcing the bus trips to Philadelphia, Abbott's office said Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney "has long-celebrated and fought for sanctuary city status, making the city an ideal addition to Texas' list of drop-off locations."

Kenney said he would greet the arrivals with "dignity and respect" and condemned Abbott's ac-

tions.

"It is truly disgusting to hear today that Governor Abbott and his Administration continue to implement their purposefully cruel policy using immigrant families — including women and children — as pawns to shamelessly push his warped political agenda," he said in a statement.

Kenney said the city had been working with more than a dozen local organizations to provide the migrants with shelter space, emergency health screening, food, water, language interpretation and more. Some will likely make their way to other states: Kenney said that according to the local organizations, only three migrants reported that Pennsylvania was their final destination while others reportedly plan to head to places such as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts.

Arizona and Florida have also sent migrants to northern U.S. cities.

Report: Uvalde police chief told kids were alive in school

UVALDE, Texas (AP) — A police commander at the scene of the Uvalde massacre was informed that children were alive in a classroom with the gunman more than 30 minutes before officers breached the room and ended one of the deadliest school shootings in U.S. history.

A dispatcher can be heard on audio recordings obtained by CNN telling the acting city police chief that "eight to nine" kids were alive and in need of help in the classroom. The call came as hundreds of officers gathered in and around Robb Elementary School, where 19 students and two teachers were killed.

The dispatcher spoke with Lt. Mariano Pargas minutes after a 10-year-old girl dialed 911 from inside the adjoining rooms where the gunman had holed up. The call underscores that members of law enforcement were aware there were children in danger even as they waited more than 70 minutes to confront the gunman. It highlights the actions of another police commander in the hesitant and haphazard response that prompted the firing of schools police Chief Pete Arredondo.

The City of Uvalde placed Pargas on administrative leave in July following a damning report from lawmakers on the response to the shooting. He told CNN that his lawyer instructed him not to speak publicly but, "there's a lot of stuff that I can explain, that I would love to defend myself."

On the recorded call, Pargas asks how many children are alive and the dispatcher responds, "eight to nine are still alive." He responds, "OK, OK thanks" and ends the call.

Authorities have said the gunman did most of his shooting within minutes

of entering the classroom at 11:33 a.m., but it's unclear whether there's an official tally of how many children in the room were not killed. Corina Camacho, whose son was shot and was one of the survivors, told The Associated Press that 11 children survived and their families try to stay in touch. Children have publicly recounted playing dead to avoid being noticed by the gunman.

Body camera footage previously released by the city shows that at 12:11 p.m. officers massed in a hallway outside the classroom where they were informed that a Border Patrol tactical team was 30 minutes away.

A dispatcher can be heard saying there is a child on the line from the classroom talking of a "room full of victims." That is relayed to Pargas, who makes no audible comment on the footage.

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