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## A Taste of Big Spring – A New Chamber Extravaganza

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
Staff Writer

A new year brings new and exciting events. One of those events will be taking place on Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, “A Taste of Big Spring-A Chamber Extravaganza”. Not only is the format of the event changing, but the venue is also changing and will be held at the Howard County Fair Barn.

In previous years, the Chamber Extravaganza was a more formal, sit-down dinner with a lot of free giveaways from specific table sponsors, but the Chamber wanted to offer more exposure than to just the eight people sitting at that specific table.

“The purpose of this event is for the people to see what the Chambers members have to offer and to network with

one another,” says Manny Negron, Tourism Coordinator for the City of Big Spring, and past Chamber president. “Chamber members will have an opportunity to get a booth space for \$250 and showcase what they have to offer our community. We are hoping that members from all areas will be represented. Each member will now be able to reach over 200 people and can handout giveaways and information introducing themselves to our community. Also, each member is asked to have a door price to give away at their booth.”

Continues Negron, “The Chamber Extravaganza is a fundraiser for the



**Manny Negron**

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. As with anything else, the Chamber needs to make some ‘upgrades’ as they move forward, and it will take some extra funds to make these upgrades possible. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce exists and operates solely from membership dues that are received.”

Regular Chamber business will still take place at this new event, such as the passing of the gavel from the current President of the Board, Randy Johnson, to incoming president, Mark

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### Upcoming Events

Submit your holiday festivities photos to be featured in the Big Spring Herald. Email editor@bigspringherald.com.

**Jan. 25**

Silver Wings Ball  
Tickets now available

**Feb. 1**

Big Spring's Got Talent  
Applications being accepted.

**Feb. 7**

Chamber Extravaganza  
Howard Co. Fairgrounds  
Nominations for 5 under 55 being accepted.

Submit upcoming events, fundraisers and more with us for our Take Note section. Email editor@bigspringherald.com.

**Feb. 8**

Big Spring Symphony  
presents:  
Beethoven is 250

**March 7-8**

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## Planning and Zoning Commission kicks off new year with regular meeting on Tuesday



HERALD file photo

Planning and Zoning Commission meets in the City Council Chambers, located at 304 E. 4th Street.

### Herald Staff Report

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Big Spring will hold the first regular meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place inside the City Council Chambers, located at 304 E. 4th Street.

Once the meeting is called to order, the commission will hold a public hearing regarding a request for approval of a replat in a single-family residential (SF-3) zoning district with a 20-foot property width variance from the 40-foot width requirements outlined in Article 6, Sec. 6-6 of the Zon-

ing Ordinance thereby allowing a flag lot at 209 N. Johnson St. According to the agenda, specifically, the subject properties occupy 0.558 acre in Tract 38, William B. Currie subdivision in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

There will also be discussion and consideration to recommend approval of a replat in a single-family residential (SF-3) zoning district with a 20-foot property width variance from the 40-foot width requirements outlined in Article 6, Sec. 6-6 of the zoning ordinance thereby allowing a flag lot at 209 N. Johnson St. specifically,

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## Trooper Troy M. Hogue's memory honored



Courtesy photos

Family members, friends, and law enforcement joined together to remember and honor the memory of Trooper Troy M. Hogue, on the 25th anniversary of the tragic loss. Pictured above are moments from the wreath laying ceremony that took place Dec. 30 at 1 p.m.

### HERALD Staff Report

Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Police Department, along with community members, and family and friends of Troy Hogue - Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper - gathered together to remember and honor him on Dec. 30, 2019, at 1 p.m., in front of the Law Enforcement Center.

This was the 25th anniversary of Trooper Hogue's tragic loss.

“Troy was not only a fellow law enforcement officer he was a great friend to many of his community,” Sheriff Stan Parker said in a media release announcing the ceremony.

The joint law enforcement center - Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center - which opened in 2012 was named

in honor of Trooper Hogue.

A crowd gathered outside the law enforcement center to honor the memory of a man who invested his life and sacrificed for his community, with a short wreath laying ceremony.

Appreciation is extended for all those who came out and attended the event and continue to honor Trooper Hogue's memory.

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## Obituaries

### Kaylynn Payne

Kaylynn Payne passed away on Dec. 28, 2019, in Midland, Texas.

She was born on July 30, 1955, in Andrews, Texas.

Her Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

Service entrusted to Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, Texas.

### Maria Franco



Maria Franco, 82, of Ackerly, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 16, 1937, in

Tahoka to Vicenta and Geronimo Rodriguez.

Maria is survived by one son: Daniel Franco (Nelda) of Ackerly; three daughters: Irma Flores (Hector) of Big Spring, Sylvia Fletcher of Big Spring, and Sandra Hernandez (Adam) of Vincent; one sister: Trina Castellon (Mando) of Tahoka; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Maria was preceded in death by three brothers.

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

### Noemi Marie Gonzalez



Noemi Marie Gonzalez, infant daughter of Laura Herrera and Steven Gonzalez of Big Spring, died Dec. 30, 2019, at Odessa Regional Medical Center. Noemi only spent eight days here on Earth, but she felt all of our love.

Visitation will be Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Noemi is survived by her parents as well as three siblings: Grayson Herrera of Big Spring, Steven Gonzalez, Jr. and Christina Gonzalez of the Bronx, New York. Other survivors include grandparents, Irene and Mike Herrera of Big Spring, Denise M. Catala of the Bronx, and Angel L. Gonzalez of Tampa, Florida. Noemi was also blessed by a loving group of aunts and uncles.

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### Jesus "Jesse" Tarin

Jesus "Jesse" Tarin, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers &

Smith Chapel.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

## Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **SABRINA HERNANDEZ**, 21, of 1313 Colby Ave., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **STEVEN HINOJOSA AGUIRRE**, 43, of 4405 Connally St, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30,000.

• **MICHAEL RENE ROBLES**, 47, of 2610 Albroom Dr., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **ANDREW JUAREZ JR**, 30, of 411 Trades, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **YOLANDA SOLIS GONZALES**, 45, of PR 7365 No. 8, Wolf-orth, Texas, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **CASEY ADAM TORRENCE**, 28, of 1607 Hwy 176., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of E FM 700; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80; 1200 block of Wright St.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of Industrial Ave..

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 2800 block of Crestline Rd.; 3600 block of W. Hwy 80;

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore St.; 500 block of S. Birdwell Ln

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported on Courtney Place.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

• **STEVEN HINOJOSA AGUIRRE**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$2,500 and \$30,000.

• **YOLANDA GONZALES**,

45, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **SABRINA HERNANDEZ**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession marijuana less than two ounces.

• **ANDREW JUAREZ**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **MICHAEL RENE ROBLES**,

47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of expired license.

• **CASEY ADAM TORRENCE**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of prohibited weapon.

• **JAVORIAN WILLIAMS**, 17, was arrested by HCSO on a charges of aggravated robbery, unauthorized use of vehicle (x2) and theft of a firearm.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3800 block of Rice Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Eubanks. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Maple Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of Cindy Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of State St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of S. Gregg St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of S. Second St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on Snyder Field Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## 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@wtc-mhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtc-mhmr.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 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

### FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# Weather



**Today:** Increasing clouds, with a high near 60. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 55. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday Night:** Clear, with a low around 30. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 64.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 39.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 65.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

**Tuesday :** Sunny, with a high near 57.

*(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)*

# TASTE

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Richardson. Man and Woman of the Year will be announced, along with the Russ McEwen Community Award.

A new award has been added this year and is called Five Under 55. This award will be used to honor five individuals under the age of 55 who have displayed community involvement and leadership qualities. Negron stated these honorees do not have to be Chamber members,

but you must be a Chamber member in good standing in order to submit a nomination. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office.

"I personally try my hardest to support and promote Chamber members," Negron said. "When I need a plumber, I first go to the Chamber directory or call the Chamber to see which plumbers are members. I would do the same for electricians, financial assistance, boutiques, and so on, but there are many people who don't know who the Chamber members are. This is a perfect

way to make those introductions and create partnerships within Big Spring."

Sponsorship packages are available for businesses who want to get their name out there and support the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information about A Taste of Big Spring, or on how to become a Chamber member, call 432-263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

# ZONE

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the subject properties occupy 0.558 acre in Tract 38, William B. Currie subdivision in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

There will also be a portion of the meeting allowing citizen input, followed by commissioner input.

The meeting is accessible to disabled persons. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing-impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should contact Roxanne Johnston at 432-264-2320, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

To contact the Big Spring Herald staff, email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.

# Take Note

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

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

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- 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, hospital 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.

- The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

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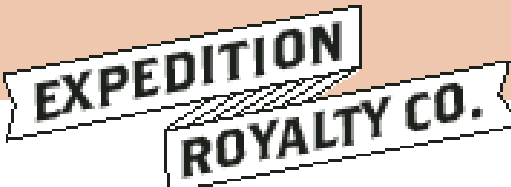
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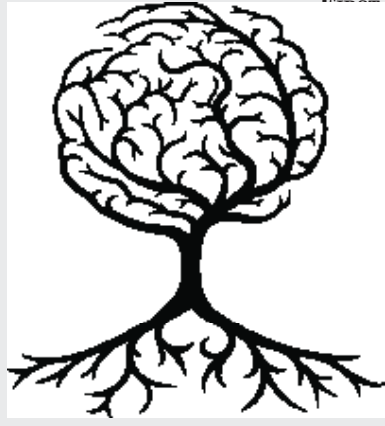
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# Opinion

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## Home Country: Double Feature

The main problem, said Windy to himself, is a lack of variety. He got up from his kitchen table and poured a fourth cup of coffee. The weather outside was terrible, he didn't have any work to do today, Ramses was healthy and asleep over next to the heater. Not bad, said the old cowboy philosopher and camp cook.

I could do a lot worse, he thought.

But still, there was that darn lack of variety. And it was this problem that took him back to the table and made him shuffle the cards once again. When he was a young cowboy and learning to lose at the non-stop poker game in the bunkhouse, it was different.

The card playing itself was fun, but losing money wasn't. Oh, it wasn't much money ... cowboy wages being what they were then ... and still are. It was just the laughing and the storytelling, really, and waiting to see if Lady Luck actually recognized you sitting there waiting for her.

Windy Wilson also remembered the preacher staring into the congregation looking for a

sinner or two and declaring playing cards to be one-way tickets to perdition. Well, that sermon had a profound effect on young Windy, so he stopped going to church.

But this solitaire game. You just deal them out face down and start to turn them over slowly. Red on black. Black on red. Then, about three rows up, he hit a red roadblock, with no black cards. Well, maybe just this once I could use a red card to sorta get me started again.

Cheating?

Maybe. But Ramses won't tell. Not my fault, thought Windy. The cards are only in red and black. Had a winter shirt those colors once.

This solitaire is not my fault. It's just that darned lack of variety.

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Mabel Adams was sitting in the day room at the Rest of Your Life retirement home when the children came in. She smiled and so did all the others in the room except for two who didn't know what was going on. The old-timers in the home knew the kids were coming and had put up Christmas decorations around in the day room and on the doors of their own small apartments and on themselves.

Mabel had been reminded sev-

eral times by the staff that morning that the kids were coming over, this being necessary as Mabel's memory isn't what it used to be.

And she put a sprig of imitation holly in her hair and tied a red ribbon on the other side.

The little girl smiled and walked over to Mabel.

"Are you a grandma?" she asked.

"Why, yes dear, I am."

"I brought you a present, Grandma," she said, handing a box to Mabel. Mabel opened it and was delighted at the sandalwood-scented hankies inside.

"Why thank you so much, Honey!" she said. "And what is your name?"

"I'm Candice. I'm four."

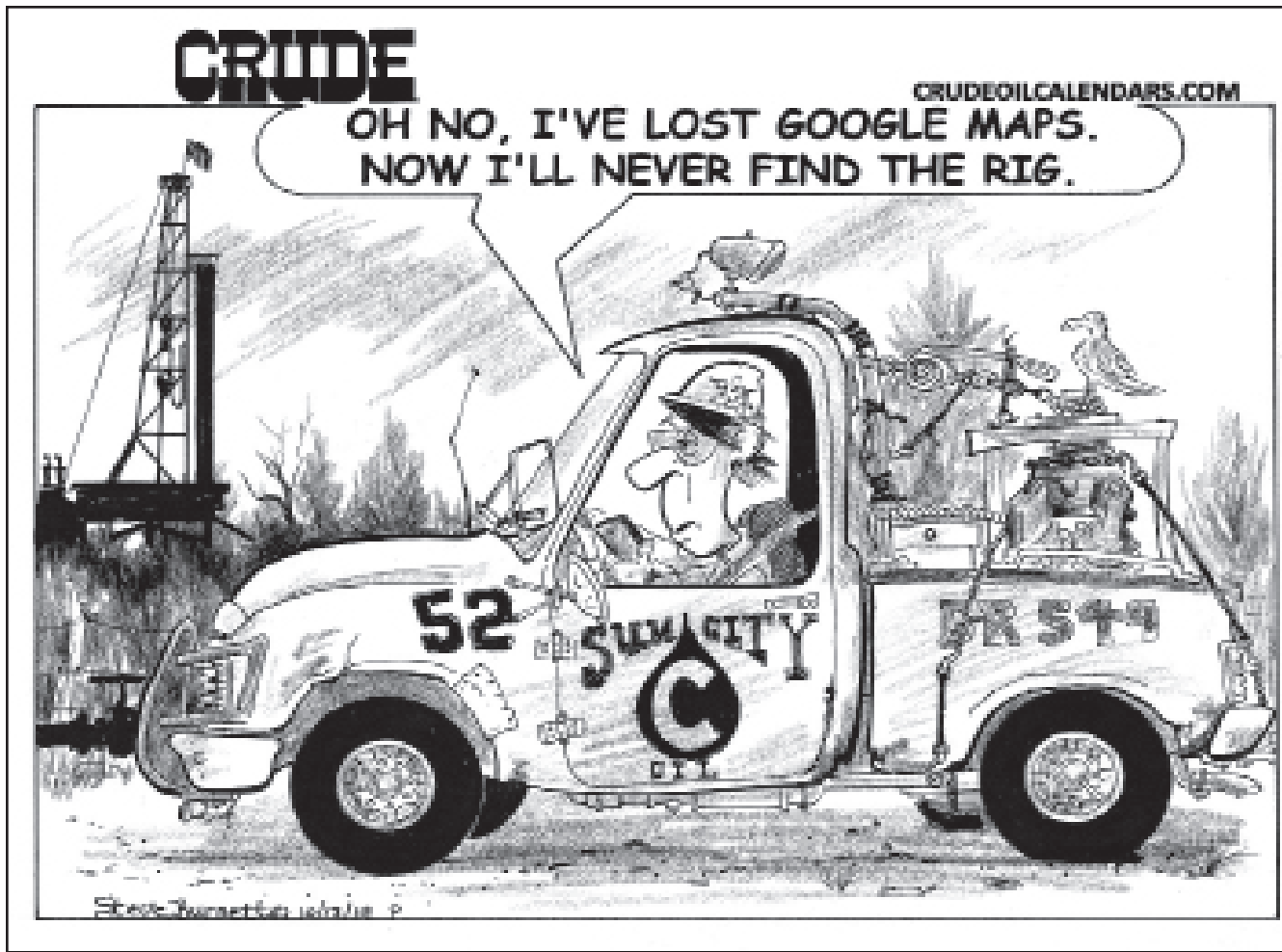
"Well, Candice, merry Christmas to you. Have you been here before?"

"Well ... no, I guess. Mom said this is where the grandmas are and we can have fun bringing presents to the grandmas."

"I see," Mabel said. "Well, Candice, come over here, dear, and let me give you a hug. There!"

Sometimes, it isn't the cost of the hankies, or the fun wrapping them up. Sometimes it's just a child's smile and a small taste of love that makes us treasure Christmas.

*Brought to you by Ol' Max Evans, the First Thousand Years. Life story of the western literary legend. Available at UNMpress.*



## The Postscript: Sparkles

I glanced up as the bells rang to herald new customers walking into the used clothing store. I was looking for a pair of warm dress pants. Visiting my parents in Minnesota, I had forgotten entirely about the possibility of extreme cold and the idea of going out that night in tights and a skirt seemed preposterous.

Luckily, I found a like-new pair of black jeans with just a little sparkle on the pocket for a good price. I was wandering around the store with these jeans in my hand—just in case I saw something else that I might need—while I waited for the line at the check-out counter to get a little shorter. Maybe I could find a silver jacket, I thought, that would look nice on a cold winter night.

A woman and man had parked their pick-up outside and come into the store. The woman marched in a determined fashion to a rack in the middle of the store. She was a heavyset woman and it looked as if she had located this rack on a previous visit. She approached with a grim determination.

She and the man she was with were standing in front of the rack of dark colored clothing as I

slipped by with my sparkly jeans in hand. The woman was holding out an article of clothing for the man's inspection.

"They'll all be wearing sparkly clothes," she said, sounding dejected. "This is just black... not sparkly."

I almost said, "Sparkles are fun!" because they are—and because she sounded so sad that I wanted to say something to cheer her up. But I realized this was probably not the right thing to say so I stood silent, my back to the couple reviewing the unseen, unsparkled outfit that I suspected was going to be worn very soon.

"I think it will look good," the man said—rather unconvincingly, I thought.

The woman stood silent, holding the black garment, visualizing (I am quite sure) a room full of happy women in sparkly dresses.

She sighed. "Okay. Let's go." She took the black garment to the front counter without trying it on and moments later they were gone. They whole transaction took less than ten minutes and seemed completely void of holiday cheer.

I went home with my sparkly jeans and wore them out that night with an old friend. We stayed up late, laughing at the

crazy things we had done together over the years and sharing crazy plans for the new year. But, after he was gone, for some reason I thought again of the unhappy woman I'd seen earlier in the day.

I wondered where she had gone, where this room of sparkly women had been and if the black garment had pleased her once she had finally tried it on. I suddenly felt unreasonably sad and wished that she had found something with sparkles on it—something silver or red or gold or green—something that would have made her happy and excited to greet the New Year.

There are so many expectations at this time of year. Sometimes it's too much. Sometimes it is just too hard.

I watched the snow begin to fall and was filled with terrible feeling of tenderness and gratitude and a desire to try—to try a bit harder this year. I am going to try to be kinder. I'm going to try to slow down. I'm going to try to feel all of it in this new year—even the parts that hurt.

Maybe those in particular.

*Till next time,  
Carrie*

*Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.*

## DAILY PRAYER

*We can enjoy our freedom and explore new territory, Lord, with You by our side.*

*Amen*



### Howard knocks off top-ranked Ranger



Courtesy Photo/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Pictured above left: Guard Klay Brown rises for a contested layup in the Hawks' 73-72 OT win. Pictured above center: Forward Lacey Watson returns from his wrist injury and puts up a leaner over a pair of Ranger defenders. Pictured above right: Eric Reed Jr. drives the lane and is contacted hard by a defender as he puts his shot on basket.

### Showtime Steers win 73-53 over Stanton at Howard College



Courtesy Photo/Tony Claxton (claxtonphotography.com)

Pictured above right: Steers' guard Zephaniah Nelson stays aggressive on defense and comes up with a steal in Big Spring's win over Stanton. Pictured above right: Gabriel Gomez puts up a shot a few feet from the basket during the win.

### Ehlinger leads Texas' Alamo Bowl romp over No. 12 Utah 38-10

By JIM VERTUNO  
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sam Ehlinger and the Texas Longhorns finally looked like the team everyone thought they could be when the season began.

Ehlinger passed for three touchdowns, ran for another and the Longhorns took over a season of frustration on No. 12 Utah with a dominant 38-10 Alamo Bowl win Tuesday night.

After a 10-win season in 2018 and an impressive Sugar Bowl win over Georgia set up a Top 10 ranking for the Longhorns to start 2019, Texas (8-5) underwhelmed in a season they fell to the middle of the pack in the Big 12. As the pressure mounted on third-year coach Tom Herman, he replaced both his offensive and defensive coordinators and Texas entered the Alamo Bowl unranked with a fan base unnerved.

The release came in a romping New Year's Eve party in front of a "home" crowd dominated by Texas fans who made the one-hour drive from Austin. "Our talent can take us pretty far," Ehlinger said. "When you add mistake-free football, watch out."

For Utah, it was a bitter end to a season that was so promising just a month ago when the Utes were on the verge of making the College Football Playoff.

Utah (11-3) didn't get there after it was swamped in the Pac-12 title game by Oregon and perhaps struggled to shake off the heartbreak of what could have been.

Texas physically handled the Utes at the line of scrimmage. Longhorns linebacker Joseph Ossai had three sacks of quarterback Tyler Huntley and six total tackles for a loss.

"We knew that we were going to have to play with a greater passion and physicality than they would," said Texas coach Tom Herman, who is 4-0 in bowls in his career with three wins in three seasons at Texas.

Texas also pounded out 231 yards against the nation's No. 1 rush defense, which had held 10 opponents under 70 yards. Texas' biggest run came on a 31-yard burst by Ehlinger on third down on the drive that led to his 6-yard touchdown that made it 24-3 late in the third quarter. Keaontay Ingram later added a 49-yard TD burst late in the fourth.

"Very disappointing end to a very good season," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "We got outplayed, we got outcoached. It doesn't diminish one iota what this senior class accomplished."

Ehlinger finished with 201 yards passing. His first touchdown went to Collin Johnson, who missed six games this season with a nagging hamstring injury. His last was to Devin Duvernay, who caught three passes for 92 yards.

"I'll take those guys in 1-on-1 coverage against anybody in the country," Ehlinger said.

#### THE TAKEAWAY

Utah: The Utes delivered a dud after a season that was so good until December. Whittingham had talked about what a boost getting a 12th win would be, particularly against a name program like Texas. Now the Utes head into 2020 needing to replace nine senior starters, six on a defense that was among the best in the nation much of the season.

"They just played harder than us," Huntley said. "We took it more as a vacation than preparing for a game and it came back to bite us."

Texas: For the second straight year, Texas used

a bowl win to pummel a team that just missed the national playoff and a conference championship. What it means for 2020, there's no way to tell. Texas will have new offensive (Mike Yurcich) and defensive (Chris Ash) coordinators in what will be a pivotal year for Herman. The Longhorns expect to return 15 starters and Herman expects to relinquish play-calling.

"It would have been easy for guys to splinter after the regular season was not what we had hoped," Herman said. "These guys are competitors. They want to win."

#### SENIOR NIGHT

Both teams have several players who expect to be in the NFL draft combine, but only Utah junior cornerback Jaylon Johnson skipped the game. Texas seniors Johnson and Duvernay had a huge impact, while Utah's senior leaders were non-factors. Zack Moss, a 1,300-yard passer this season, finished with 57 yards. Huntley rushed for just 126 yards and defensive end Bradlee Anae was in on one sack but otherwise struggled to get much pressure on Ehlinger.

#### BIG HIT BIG PENALTY

Utah's biggest hit backfired. In the third quarter, defensive lineman Maxs Tupai leveled Ehlinger with a shove but did it right in front of a game official and drew a 15-yard penalty. The heated moment only seemed to fire up Ehlinger, and three plays later he smashed through the middle of the Utah defense for a 6-yard touchdown that put Texas ahead 24-3.

#### UP NEXT:

Utah plays BYU in Salt Lake City on Sept. 5. Texas hosts South Florida on Sept. 5.

### NC State hires Texas' Beck to serve as offensive coordinator

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina State has hired Tim Beck as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, completing a revamp of Dave Doeren's coaching staff after a four-win season.

Beck had spent the past three seasons as offensive coordinator at Texas, though he was demoted from coordinator as part of a staff shakeup there after the regular-season finale and before the Longhorns' Alamo Bowl victory over Utah. He was quarterbacks coach for that game.

Beck and Doeren coached together at Kansas in 2005, with Doeren saying in a statement that he has known Beck for more than two decades.

"He will take our offense and build it around the strengths of our personnel," Doeren said. "It will be versatile, aggressive, and player-friendly."

Beck had also worked at Ohio State and Nebraska in the past decade. Athletics spokesman Fred Demarest said Beck is set to make \$700,000 annually for two years with the Wolfpack.

N.C. State's offense faltered after coordinator Eli Drinkwitz left to become head coach at Appalachian State. The Wolfpack's numbers dropped with running backs coach Deshaun Kitchens and receivers coach George McDonald serving as co-coordinators, with N.C. State averaging 30.1 points and 398.9 yards.



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**Electronics Technician** – Responsible for installing, repairing, and maintaining communication equipment including mobile radios and microwave communication equipment, supporting the District's SCADA system. Intermediate level position, prior experience with PLCs and programming preferred.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Big Spring, Texas or by calling (432) 267-6341.

The Wood Group is hiring Mental Health Aides for Residential facility. Weekend position (8am to 8pm) and PRN shifts available. No certifications required for this position. A high school diploma or equivalent is required. To apply visit our website  
[www.thewoodgroup.us](http://www.thewoodgroup.us)  
and fax your application to 432-264-2773. For questions call 432-264-2752.

We are looking for an ambitious, creative, self-starter, to fill a staff writer role at the Big Spring Herald. Do you have a heart to share others stories and the desire to be involved in your community? We want to hear from you!

Responsibilities and Duties: This individual would provide news coverage, build pages, and update social media accounts/website.

Qualifications and Skills: Indesign and Photoshop are a plus, but will train the right person. We are looking for a creative, outgoing individual familiar with social media. Must be a self-starter, and be able to meet deadlines.

Individual will be responsible for several areas of coverage, from feature stories to hard news. Must have a flexible schedule.

### Help Wanted

Contact Amanda Duforat  
432-263-7331 Ext. 230  
or email  
[editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)  
for questions or to submit your resume.

Job Type: Full Time

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### Qualifications and Skills:

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**Bring resume to Big Spring Herald at 710 Scurry or email publisher@bigspringherald.com**

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### Legals

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0324399  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 20, 2019 Status/Permit No. 859635  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 10, 2020  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] 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 requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 14, Bk. 31 T2N, T&P RR CO/MC CARTY, J E Survey, A-1154, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 15.5 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 Protest 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 : VIPER MCMURPHY C  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1424L5  
Lease/Unit Acres : 1285.3  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 440.0  
Lease Lines : 662.0 F NE L, 5776.0 F NW L  
Survey Lines : 662.0 F NE L, 463.0 F NW L

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### Legals

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 933.0 F NE L 5275.0 F NW L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 24 Block: 31 T2N  
Abstract: 1302  
Survey: T&P RR CO/MORGAN, P S  
Lease Lines: 990.0 F NE L 120.0 F SE L  
Survey Lines: 990.0 F NE L 120.0 F SE 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 9000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#10415 Jan. 2 & 9, 2020

### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0324401  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 20, 2019 Status/Permit No. 859639  
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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] 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 requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 14, Bk. 31 T2N, T&P RR CO/MC CARTY, J E Survey, A-1154, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 15.5 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



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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 Protest 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 Jan 10, 2020 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 : VIPER MCMURPHY D  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1447WA  
Lease/Unit Acres : 1285.3  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 448.0  
Lease Lines : 632.0 F NE L, 5774.0 F NW L  
Survey Lines : 632.0 F NE L, 461.0 F NW L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 494.0 F NE L 5847.0 F NW L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 24 Block: 31 T2N  
Abstract: 1302  
Survey: T&P RR CO/MORGAN, P S  
Lease Lines: 330.0 F NE L 120.0 F SE L  
Survey Lines: 330.0 F NE L 120.0 F SE 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 9000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

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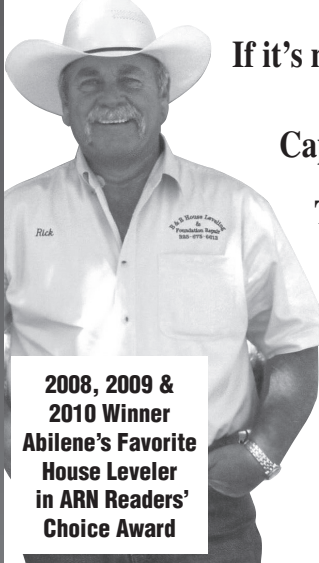


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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 9  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ Q 8 2  
♣ K Q J 10 4

**WEST**  
♠ 7 4  
♥ A K 9 5 4 3  
♦ K J 9  
♣ 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 5 2  
♥ Q 10 6  
♦ A 7 6 4  
♣ 9 7 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K J 10 8 6 3  
♥ 8  
♦ 10 5 3  
♣ A 8

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♣ 3 ♥  
4 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Assume you're West on this deal, defending against four spades. You lead the king of hearts, which wins as partner contributes the ten. What would you play next? Bear in mind that you need three more tricks to defeat the contract.

The first step in the right direction is to assume declarer has a singleton heart, since your partner is marked with three hearts for his bid. This in turn means that any additional tricks you take will have to come from a source other than the heart suit. (Observe that if you continue with

the ace of hearts, declarer takes the rest of the tricks.)

The next step is to recognize that if South has both minor-suit aces to go with his obviously long spade suit, the contract cannot possibly be defeated. You should therefore credit partner with one of these aces, which he almost certainly has for his raise.

The only remaining question is not so much which minor-suit ace East holds, but, more importantly, which one might allow you to collect three more tricks. The only sensible conclusion is to assume partner has the ace of diamonds, because if he has the ace of clubs instead, the contract cannot be defeated.

Accordingly, you must shift to a diamond at trick two, but before you do, one more question must be resolved — namely, which diamond to lead. To guard against the possibility that South might have the ten of diamonds, the jack of diamonds — not the nine or king — must be led.

As it happens, the jack lead sets the contract. If the nine or king is led instead, declarer can avoid losing three diamonds with correct play.

The careful step-by-step process that leads to finding the winning play at trick two is not really difficult if you focus on the ultimate goal — to defeat the contract. The jack lead then emerges as the one play that gives you the best chance of achieving that goal.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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SUDOKU

		5	8	7			1
				4			
7	2				4		9
			5				
			3				8
4		4		2	7		
6	2		3				4
3		1	5				6

Level: Intermediate

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!

3	9	1	5	4	8	2	7	6
6	2	8	3	7	1	9	5	4
4	5	7	6	2	9	1	8	3
5	4	3	8	2	7	1	6	9
8	3	4	6	5	4	8		
2	1	9	7	6	3	5	4	8
7	8	6	4	1	5	3	9	2
1	6	3	2	3	2	4	8	7
8	7	2	1	5	6	4	3	9
9	4	5	8	3	7	6	2	1

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

**Cosmic Conjunction Offers Noncompete Clause**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're happy about being able to do the things that you once couldn't. The list includes new items and ones that go way back. Never forget that there was a time when you couldn't even hold up your own head.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If you can arrange to be in a crowd, it will be a helpful and healthful perspective shift for you. You'll like seeing how many do things just like you do, and likely feel and think similarly, too. Talking to new people will be lucky.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Don't worry if you find yourself out of your element. The fact of the matter is that there are a lot of people who know what they are talking about, but far fewer people who know when it's wiser not to be talking at all.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Sure, there are days when your requests get into the rotation. But for the most part, life plays its own music. You've little control over which song comes next and a lot of control over how you'll dance to it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The answer is "no" to 100% of the questions that are never asked. Questions are like keys to you today and will require a similar finesse, so don't be afraid to give them a jiggle and a twist.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Sometimes the way to win is to play harder and smarter and sometimes the way to win is not to play at all. Take a step back for the big strategy, the one that goes beyond this game.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** These are dicey times, with divided opinions be-

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



ing the norm even in your immediate circle. Luckily, your diplomacy allows you to make a point without making an enemy.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your dreams can be your wings, but only if you bring them into the real world and involve other people. Otherwise, your dreams are more like a virtual reality headset that keeps you isolated in what is ultimately a lonely experience.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**

There's something good in every day, but more things good about today. You'll want to keep track of this; take some time to write about it or snap a pic you can look back later to bask in the emotional sunshine.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

Your heart is calm and your creativity is lit. It is no coincidence that these things are happening simultaneously. Being creative is a state so essential to your well-being that you should visit as often as possible.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Validation is for parking, not lunching or dating or working. You need so much less of it than you once did and you like to try and make others comfortable so they are not seeking so much of it from you either.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**

You wouldn't dream of watching another person struggle while knowing full well you could do something about it. And why shouldn't you expect the same? Maybe it's time to pitch out the ones who don't pitch in.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 2).**

You'll spend a good deal of time training your mind to be stronger than your emotions so you can execute plans without being derailed by the inevitable distractions and enticements of life. Most of this training will happen in the field as you create marvelous events out of your projects and relationships. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 33, 38 and 15

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# Pickens leads No. 5 Georgia past No. 8 Baylor in Sugar Bowl

By **BRETT MARTEL**

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Georgia freshman receiver George Pickens left behind his regrettable ending to the regular season and put the rest of college football on notice that he will be an exceedingly tough cover in 2020.

Pickens caught 12 passes for 175 yards and a touchdown, and No. 5 Georgia defeated eighth-ranked Baylor 26-14 in the Sugar Bowl on Wednesday night.

"I've still got growing to do, but I can kind of tell myself I'm improving every day," said the 6-foot-3 Pickens, who was suspended for the first half of Georgia's SEC title game loss to LSU because of his fight with a Georgia Tech player in the Bulldogs' regular-season finale. "It was a great season to me. You win some, you lose some."

Baylor quarterback Charlie Brewer, coming back from a concussion in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 7, was sidelined again in the fourth quarter when the back of his head appeared to hit the turf hard as he was taken down by two defenders while going out of bounds.

Baylor coach Matt Rhule said Brewer did not appear concussed this time. Medical staff was concerned about possible spinal and neck injuries. Rhule expected Brewer to be monitored overnight, but added that early indications were the injuries were not career threatening.

"It's scary when they were holding his head and stabilize his neck and he's yelling at them to let go of him and let him go back in the game," Rhule said. "He's a great player whose best football is in front of him."

Travon Walker was penalized for a late hit, giving Baylor a first down, but the drive stalled on a sack of backup Jacob Zeno on fourth down with five minutes to go and Baylor down 12.

Jake Fromm completed 20 of 30 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns without an interception for Georgia (12-2), which lost the Sugar Bowl to Texas last season.

Zamir White carried 18 times for 92 yards and a touchdown, and Matt Landers caught his first career TD on a 16-yard pass.

Georgia defensive back Richard LeCounte intercepted two passes, the second sealing the victory in the final minutes.

Pickens was selected the game's most outstanding player.

"Seeing him do something like he did today — no surprise to us," Fromm said. "He's just going out and playing the game he loves."

Brewer completed 21 of 41 passes for 211 yards and one touchdown to Denzel Mims.

After Georgia led 19-0 at halftime, Baylor (11-3) showed signs of mounting a comeback on the opening series of the second half with a scoring drive dominated by Mims. He had catches of 40 and 8 yards before his 12-yard touchdown grab trimmed the Bulldogs' lead to 19-7. Mims also surpassed 1,000 yards receiving for the season on the drive.

The Bears quickly forced a Georgia punt and moved back across midfield when momentum suddenly changed. Linebacker Azeez Ojulari sacked and stripped Brewer on fourth-and-4 and Walker recovered on the Baylor 47.

"I really, really regret my decision to go for it on the one fourth down," Rhule

said. "That was a bad coaching moment on my end. It quickly led to points. So that goes against me."

The Bulldogs capitalized with a touchdown drive extended by a fake field goal in which holder Jake Camarda ran off tackle for 6 yards on fourth-and-2. White finished the series with a tackle-breaking 13-yard run to the pylon to make it 26-7.

Brewer's short, second-effort TD run late in the third quarter trimmed Georgia's lead, but Baylor got no closer.

## PICKENS' HIGHLIGHTS

Pickens' 46-yard catch deep down the middle on a flea flicker set up the first points of the game on Rodrigo Blankenship's field goal.

The Bulldogs widened the lead on Fromm's 27-yard fade pass to the Pickens in the left side of the end zone.

"When we left him 1-on-1, he made the plays," Rhule said. "When we played off him a little bit, he made guys miss."

## STEPPING UP

Georgia was without about a dozen regulars, including three starting offensive linemen. Some players were hurt while others sat out to preserve their health for the NFL draft.

Meanwhile, top running back D'Andre Swift saw only limited action because of an ailing shoulder.

LeCounte wasn't surprised to see younger reserves step in effectively.

"These guys, four-star, five-star guys. They're more than capable of coming in and doing what they've got to do," LeCounte said.

## THE TAKEAWAY

Georgia: The Bulldogs demonstrated their depth and motivation to turn in a better Sugar Bowl showing than a year ago. Georgia's running game, which produced 130 yards, was strong enough to give the Bulldogs nearly five minutes more possession.

Baylor: The defense sacked Fromm three times and was solid enough to keep the Bears in the game until the fourth quarter, but Baylor's offense struggled much of the night and had little balance with just 61 yards rushing.

## UP NEXT

Georgia: The Bulldogs await Fromm's decision on whether he'll turn pro with one season of eligibility left. Georgia will open next season in Atlanta on Labor Day against Virginia. The SEC opener comes 12 days later on Sept. 19 at Alabama.

Baylor: The Bears expect to have prominent players back and once again be among the contenders to win the Big 12. They open on Sept. 5 in Houston against Mississippi and play at Oklahoma in a rematch of the conference title game on Oct. 3.

# Former NBA Commissioner David Stern dies at 77

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern had basketball as a passion and law as a profession, one he figured he could return to if a job at the NBA didn't work out. He never did.

Instead he went to Europe, Asia and plenty of other places around the world, bringing with him a league that was previously an afterthought in the U.S. and turning it into a global powerhouse.

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