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**Networking virtual style - Big Spring Chamber Banquet and Expo**

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Business Expo took place virtually, with 75 attendees logged in. Area businesses joined together for watch parties to take part in the annual festivities and award recognitions.

"It was a success for being the first time for doing something like this," Debye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "In this day and time, even when we can't come together and network I think it went well."

ValVerde extended big kuddos to Manny Negron and Hayley Herrera with the Convention and Visitors Bureau for not only presenting the idea, but for helping



Courtesy photo

**The annual Chamber Banquet and Expo went virtual this past week. The passing of the gavel and recognition of award recipients took place in the hour long presentation.**

to manage the process and the event.

"Big Kuddos go to Manny and Hayley who are our producers, for bringing this to us as a way to do this and still recognize our award recipi-

ents, and our essential workers who are everyone in this community," ValVerde said.

Negron added, "It was a different type of banquet. We were all a little skeptical, but once we got to planning

and talking about it more the pieces started fitting and the event came together.

In addition to Big Spring business owners and business professionals, Senator Drew Darby and representatives from his office, representatives from Ted Cruz's office, and Seminole Chamber of Commerce representatives were in attendance.

"I would like to think our small community did something big like a virtual banquet. We were able to put a spotlight on some gems in the community with a twist ... going virtual," Negron said. "The banquet went very well and smoothly. We want to extend a big thank you to all of our sponsors and those who attended. We are hoping we can meet in person next year."

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**Big Spring Symphony and Orchestra returns to the stage of the Municipal Auditorium**



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Music once again flowed from the Municipal Auditorium as the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra kicked off the 2020-2021 season, after being absent from the auditoriums stage for 355 days. The Saturday evening performance was titled "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony."

"(The show) is very well named as we have had a lot of things to deal with, obviously. The program has been changed to work with a smaller orchestra to allow for them to be spread out.," Mark Watt, Big Spring Symphony Association Board President, said. "Not only

have the musicians had to be versatile, but Dr. Graumann - who is in his 19th year conducting - had to be versatile as well."

The evening began with the National Anthem before the program began. Attendees and Symphony and Orchestra members were socially distanced in their seats, on stage and in the audience. Throughout the auditorium Covid-19 precautions were in place, including the use of masks and sanitizing stations.

Guest Artist Cellist Jeffrey Lastrapes performed with the Big Spring Symphony on Saturday evening. After arriving

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HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

**The Big Spring Symphony and Orchestra had the pleasure of hosting Guest Cellist Jeffrey Lastrapes. The opening performance was titled "The Versatile Big Spring Symphony".**

**Local duo competing in 'Don't Mess With Texas' competition; voting ends Monday**

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Each entry has a different perspective, each a little different tune, but the message is the same - Don't Mess With Texas.

A common theme many of us - if not all of us - have heard since we were little kids. However, a new twist is being sought and a new sound will soon be associated with the famous slogan. Don't Mess With Texas is hosting a contest, open to individuals who are a legal U.S. resident and at least 13 years of age or older for a new sound to help spread the word to keep Texas clean. One local Big Spring musician teamed up with his bonus child and is in the running to be the Grand Prize Winner. Eddie Austin and his bonus daughter, 12-year-old Valerie Thompson have submitted their video and are seeking

the community's help; go vote.

"I thought it would be pretty cool, and at the time I had a broken leg so I didn't have much to do. I've always thought about how we've had so much trash. A song isn't going to fix it obviously, but it would be really cool to figure out a song for it," Valerie Thompson said.

Austin stumbled upon the contest as he was scrolling through Facebook one day. However, by the time he found the information for the contest, there was less than a week to put a submission together. With the creative juices flowing through Austin's mind and the talent of his bonus daughter, it didn't take long for the talented duo to put a song together and create a video submission.

"Eddie thought everyone would be using a guitar so he had the idea to use a ukulele. It would be unique; cool ... so I said yea, that sounds cool," Thompson said. "So we figured out a rhythm. Ed-

die came up with the words and I just adjusted it a little."

The foundation was laid and within five ... maybe seven minutes the idea was formed and about 24 hours later the submission was made. Thompson's love from music that she has had since she was little and her dream of becoming a singer and songwriter one day helped her find the fun in the experience.

"I got to learn a little bit about recording, going places ... I thought it was really great since I had the chance to do this since I had a broken leg and really didn't have much to do," she said. "I was really happy that I could make the most of it and spend time with Eddie."

She continued, "Without the encouragement from my real dad and my mom and the teaching from Eddie I wouldn't be that interested, but learning more

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**Upcoming Events**

All city offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day

Thank a Veteran Day Feb. 15

Take a moment to thank a veteran for their service.

Drive safe on roadways as inclement weather continues across Howard County. If you do not have to go out, stay home.

Wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance when possible - help slow the spread.

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# Check this out, at the library this week

Howard County Library will be closed Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents Day, we will reopen Tuesday, February 16. You can still access our digital collection with your library card.



Sandra Verdin

You have three options with Libby, Overdrive, and SimplyE, they all access the same digital collection which have e-books and audiobook options. Follow the instructions on how to download and use these E-readers, on our website under the "Digital Collections" side menu. Also, for kids there is now E-Read Texas For Kids, for children in kindergarten through 8th grade. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission state that "More than 600 E-Read Texas for Kids titles can be accessed at <https://e-readtxkids.biblioboard.com/home>. Users in Texas can access the site with no login nor password required. There's no need to "check-out" the books—just click and access. And there are no simultaneous user restrictions, so that means there are no holds and no waitlists." The E-Read Texas for kids can be accessed through the website listed above and in the SimplyE app under the "Children and Middle Grade" section.

This week's reviews include mystery and fiction titles.

When a body is found at the lake in Paradise, police chief Jesse Stone is surprised to find he recognizes the murder victim in "Fool's Paradise" Jesse Stone Series BK# 19 (M PAR R) by Robert B Parker, Mike Lupica. The man had been at the same AA meeting as Jesse the evening before. But otherwise, Jesse has no clue as to the man's identity. He isn't

a local, nor does he have an ID on him, nor does any neighboring state have a reported missing person matching the man's description. Their single lead is from a taxi company that recalls dropping off the mysterious stranger outside the gate at the mansion of one of the wealthiest families in town. Meanwhile, after Jesse survives a hail of gunfire on his home, he wonders if it could be related to the mysterious murder. When both Molly Crane and Suit Simpson also become targets, it's clear someone has an axe to grind against the entire Paradise PD.

Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape in "The Searcher" (M FRE T) by Tana French. After twenty-five years in the Chicago police force and a bruising divorce, he just wants to build a new life in a pretty spot with a good pub where nothing much happens. But when a local kid whose brother has gone missing arm-twists him into investigating, no one, least of all the police, seems to care. Cal wants nothing to do with any kind of investigation, but somehow, he can't make himself walk away. Against his will, he discovers that even the most idyllic small town, secrets lie hidden, people aren't always what they seem, and trouble can come calling at the door.

Harry has faced terrible odds before in "Battle Ground" The Dresden Files BK #17 (F BUT J) by Jim Butcher. He has a long history of fighting enemies above his weight class. The Red Court of vampires. The fallen angels of the Order of the Blackened Denarius. The Outsiders. But this time it's different. A being more powerful and dangerous order of magnitude beyond what the world has seen in a millennium is coming. And she's bringing an army. The Last Titan has declared war on the city of Chicago, and has come to subjugate hu-

manity, obliterating any who stand in her way. Harry's mission is simple but impossible: Save the city by killing a Titan. And the attempt will change Harry's life, Chicago, and the mortal world forever.

Amanda and Clay head out to a remote corner of Long Island in "Leave the World Behind" (F ALA R) by Rumaan Alam. They are expecting a vacation: a quiet reprieve from life in New York City, quality time with their teenage son and daughter, and a taste of the good life in the luxurious home they've rented for the week. But a late-night knock on the door breaks the spell. Ruth and G. H. are an older couple it's their house, and they've arrived in a panic. They bring the news that a sudden blackout has swept the city. But in this rural area, with the TV and internet now down, and no cell phone service, it's hard to know what to believe. Should Amanda and Clay trust this couple and vice versa? What happened back in New York? Is the vacation home, isolated from civilization, a truly safe place for their families? And are they safe from one another?

"We write for the same reason that we walk, talk, climb mountains or swim the oceans – because we can. We have some impulse within us that makes us want to explain ourselves to other human beings." – Maya Angelou

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, for Grab & Go access to the library. Customers have 30 minutes to browse the shelves, checkout items, make copies and send a fax, an appointment is still required to use a computer. Please visit our website at <http://howard-county.pcloud.net> and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary) for more information. You may reach us at 432-264-2260 and our fax number is 432-264-2263.

## Just like small animals, horses sometimes require veterinary attention for dental health care

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION — February is National Pet Dental Health month, a time when pet owners are reminded that routine oral care is an important aspect of their animal's well-being. Just like their small animal counterparts, large animals such as horses also require veterinary attention to keep their mouths in top shape.

Dr. Leslie Easterwood, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that there are not many preventative maintenance procedures owners can do at home with their horse's teeth, so it is important that owners keep an eye out for signs of discomfort and contact their veterinarian if any concerns arise.

"Dropping grain, holding their head funny while chewing, odors, resistance to the bit, and performance issues are all signs that there could be dental issues," Easterwood said.

She said that the most common dental issue seen in horses is due to normal wear. Sharp enamel points along the cheek side of the upper arcades

and tongue side of the lower arcades occur because of the side-to-side grind of a horse's mouth, which is normal.

However, these sharp edges cause ulcers along the horse's cheeks and tongue, and smoothing the sharp edges allows the ulcerations to heal quickly.

"Dental floating is a procedure to smooth these sharp enamel points," Easterwood said. "Floating is the common term for routine maintenance of a horse's mouth. The term 'floating' comes from woodworking, in which boards are planed smooth."

Horses that are going to be ridden should start having their teeth floated prior to introducing the bit. Most horses need their teeth floated annually, but missing teeth, unlevel arcades or other dental problems may require more frequent maintenance.

Horses may also require dental attention for the removal of their wolf teeth, which are usually removed prior to introducing the bit.

"A horse can have zero to four wolf teeth, but usually have only two, on the upper arcades," Easterwood said. "These teeth are small and are actually

the first cheek teeth."

Staying up to date on your horse's oral health can help prevent unnecessary discomfort and larger health issues. Since most equine dental maintenance practices require the care of a veterinarian, it is important that owners establish a relationship with their veterinarian that includes discussion of oral health.

Although equine oral care may look very different from the dental care required for humans and smaller animals, regular maintenance and veterinary care can keep your horse happy, healthy, and champing at the bit.

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

*By Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Staff*

## Take Note

- The Big Spring Symphony Association has kicked off the 39th season. The concerts will take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, but patrons are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at [www.bigspringsymphony.org](http://www.bigspringsymphony.org) or local ticket vendors: H-E-B, Heritage Museum, The Karat Patch or the CVB office. Students are admitted free. Performance adjustments have been made due to Covid-19 to assure the health and safety of everyone. Patrons are asked to arrive early and ushers will seat them in six foot social distance format. Everyone needs to wear a mask upon entering the facility. There are still two performances left: March 20 will be the Music of Queen 'Bohemian Rhapsody' featuring Jeans n' Classics and April 24 will be Pops Extravaganza The Texas Tenors

- The City of Big Spring has reopened all indoor rentable facilities as of Monday, February 1, 2021 for normal operations. We still request that individuals holding events and persons attending events adhere to the following: Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking anything; Make sure to wash and/or sanitize your hands regularly; If you are not feeling well, running a fever, or have been exposed please do not attend events.

- All City of Big Spring offices have reopened to the public effective January 19, 2021. We ask citizens to act responsibly and follow all health precautions and sanitizing guidelines. We strongly recommend that citizens continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, and wear a mask when in public areas.

- West Texas Centers will be hosting the 2021 Mental Health First Aid training classes in February. Adult mental health virtual class will take place Feb. 17 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.; in-person adult mental health first aid class will take place Feb. 23, at 3205 Hwy 87 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and the final class in the series will take place Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. virtually.

- A GoFund me page for Ed Flores, who recently tested positive for coronavirus and was recently transferred to Lubbock. Donations are requested to help with medical bills and travel expenses so his wife can be close with him. Ed worked with Shroyer for about 25 years and 87 Auto Sale as a mechanic; he has always been willing to help out people even when they didn't have enough money to pay him. Donations can be made at GoFundMe by Monica Medina. For more information on how to help, e-mail [jessemonica1234@gmail.com](mailto:jessemonica1234@gmail.com) or call 432-517-7675.

- The Howard County Courthouse will only be open by appointment. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all who enter.

- Forsan Food Pantry will be open twice a month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Families who are in need can pull up to the front doors of the Junior High/High School and receive a free box of pre-packed meals. If you have any questions or need to pick up a box at a different time, contact Kaci Wash at 432-457-2223 ext 821 or Jenny Sayles at [jennysales@yahoo.com](mailto:jennysales@yahoo.com).

- Cub Scouts meet Monday from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Naz Family

Church, located at 1400 S. Lancaster.

- Howard County Republican Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The next meeting is Jan. 20 and will be held in the newly renovated Cactus Room. Everyone is welcome. The meeting takes place at Noon. For more information call 432-213-7628.

- A new group named Taking Care of Business has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them. Taking Care of Business is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities. At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The meetings take place at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

- The Life Center in Big Spring is helping moms and dads with a Diaper Day Giveaway! Call for a five minute phone appointment and a pickup time for free diapers, wipes and formula. 432-606-5041.

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# BSSO

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on stage, Lastrapes started Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra in E minor, Op. 85 by Edward Elgar. Lastrapes is an active soloist, chamber musician and teacher having performed and taught in Europe, South America, Asia and in every region

of the US. In 2009, Lastrapes gave his New York debut at Merkin Hall to critical acclaim. On a more local level, he was the recipient of the Texas Tech Alumni Association "New Faculty Award" and in 2017 served as the August commencement speaker where he shared his journey as a visually impaired musician.

Due to health reasons, Guest Conductor John Giordano was not able

to take part in the Saturday evening performance.

For those who missed the performance this past weekend, there are still two more opportunities to see the Symphony and Orchestra perform coming up before the season wraps up. The BSSO will be performing the music of Queen, "Bohemian Rhapsody" featuring Jeans n' Classics on March 20 and the Pops Extravaganza

The Texas Tenors on April 24.

Symphony tickets are available around the community including the Convention and Visitors Bureau, H-E-B, The Karat Patch, Heritage Museum and online.

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# CHAMBER

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The Man and Woman of the Year - Mark Barr and Joan Beil - were officially recognized. Each had extended family on the Zoom call with some as far away as New York. The second round of 5 Under 55 was also announced. The 2020 recipients included: Tabitha Clark, Reina Cisneros, Shonda Folsom, Leslie Elrod-Hobbs, and Jeff Ward. The Russ McEwen Award was also presented to Bulldog Steel for their investment into the community and positive impact they have been making in Howard County.

As part of the program, the passing of the gavel from outgoing Chamber President Mark Richardson to incoming Chamber President Kristy Tyra also took place, in Chamber Banquet fashion.

Richardson expressed gratitude to those who paved the path before him, such as previous Chamber Board President Randy Johnson, and those who have supported him along the way in his term. An overview of his initial goals and was happy to report that all of his goals were accomplished. While Richardson's term took place as Howard

County found their way through a pandemic, it was still one of business and community support and growth.

"This board never wavered. We had to adjust our way of doing business, get creative, and even postpone, but we did what we had to do to support our members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Never in the history of the economic status of our community has shopping local been more important. You know that, you realize that."

The past year was different and required adjustment, and while Howard County and the rest of the nation are not out of the woods yet when it comes to the impact of the pandemic, there is still growth to show and partnerships thriving.

"We must continue to try local and buy local. We must continue to support and encourage businesses as they continue to adjust.... We must fight through this together," Richardson said. "The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is going to stand with you as we recover... The Chamber was tested unlike any other time in history and in my opinion we not only stepped up we hit it out of the park."

As the gavel was passed, Kristy Tyra took control

of the reigns and stepped into her role as the 2021 Chamber Board President. Tyra originally arrived in Big Spring in 2016 with Oncor and was welcomed with open arms. As the community was embracing Tyra, she was doing the same and doing her part to get involved.

"... we are in unprecedented times. If you would have told me that our economy would be shut down, our kids would be out of school for months and businesses forced to shut their doors I would have told you it would never happen, but yet, here we are," Tyra said. "The greater thought though is what can we do as a community to make sure our businesses stay open and thrive despite the pandemic."

Tyra continued, "Our businesses are the lifeblood of our community. They employ our citizens, provide services and we have to make sure we protect these businesses and help them grow and be around for years to come."

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## Weather



**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of snow before noon. Cloudy and cold, with a high near 27.

Northeast wind around 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16.

**Valentine's Day:** A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy and cold, with a high near 21.

**Sunday Night:** Snow. Cloudy, with a low around 4.

**President's Day:** Mostly sunny and cold, with a high near 19.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 7.

**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 40.

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

## SATURDAY

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

## SUNDAY

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

## MONDAY

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

## TUESDAY

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

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD

## Support Groups

session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. The next session begins Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

## WEDNESDAY

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

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# VOTE

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and having this kind of talent I should put it to work."

"Don't give up because you won't always make it the first time. You might get 500 'Nos' but then finally be able to make it. Just like my mom, she has always been great at singing, but she has never really jump started it until now," Thompson said. "It's very encouraging to see her do everything she does - she's a nurse, going to school and still making it work."

Voting ends Feb. 15 and the finalists will be announced soon after. The Grand Prize in the competition will not only be the new sound behind Don't Mess With Texas, but will receive a home recording studio. The runner up will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to The School of Rock.

"It starts with one. It starts inside oneself; it's as small as being sure your shopping cart ends up in a shopping cart stall. You just have to grab your trash..."

The Don't Mess With Texas is just one more extension Austin is using to help encourage his students to do the right thing. On a regular basis he is motivating and encouraging his stu-

dents to do the right thing and helping them understand that it all starts with a single step, a single action.

"Grab your trash. If you opened it, if it's your trash just put it in the trash. Spills happen ... clean it up and get it in the trash. It all starts with one. It starts with mom and dad," Austin said. "I remember my mother always yelling at us to not step in the oil in the parking lots and well so many years after it screams in my head. It all starts with one; we all have to do our part."

Reducing litter and encouraging the respect of the earth and surroundings is already taking place in Howard County through local efforts. Austin mentioned the fairly new start up by Chris Mason of Howard County Recycling.

"Mason had the motivation to do something with a lot of trash. Due to people like him who are actually stepping up and doing something," Austin said.

The community is encouraged to visit <https://txdotsongsearch.com/vote/>

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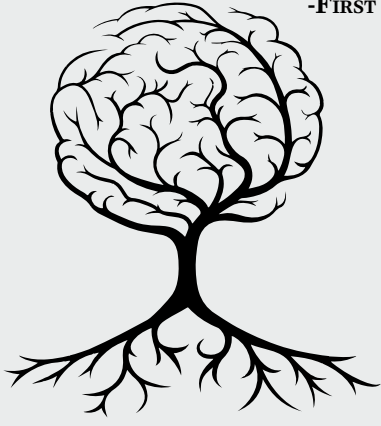
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## Everyone doesn't think like I do

I have come to realize that I grew up in a perceived time of innocence. In my growing up years in Waco,

I pulled my wagon around to houses in the neighborhood, collecting old worn out pots, pans and anything else made of any type of metal that might be used in the war effort. I also used my little red wagon to haul newspapers I had collected to the place where they were being picked up.

My parents bought war bonds. I gave dimes to patriotic causes. At Bell's Hill Elementary School I played a wounded soldier in a wartime skit. I loved doing it because the prettiest girl in my second grade class acted as the nurse. I remember blackouts. Civil Air Patrol wardens walked around and if they saw a light on in a house they knocked on the door and told the residents to keep their house dark so enemy

planes wouldn't spot it.

All the kids in the neighborhood had pictures of German planes so they could be identified if we happened to see them in the skies over Waco. My first job was counting the ration stamps in my daddy's butcher shop. A little sticker on the windshield facing the driver in our car read: IS THIS TRIP REALLY NECESSARY? It was a time of saving everything and everybody did because we in our own way were helping win the war. Everybody was pulling together. All of us had family members in the armed services. When they came home after the war, they were somehow different.

When I was with the Army Security Agency during the cold war, I was sent to Germany for a couple of years. It was a time of turmoil there because the country was divided into east and west. When I went to the World's Fair in Brussels the American Pavilion had a display of what was called Circarama. A movie showing the Statue of Liberty, the Golden

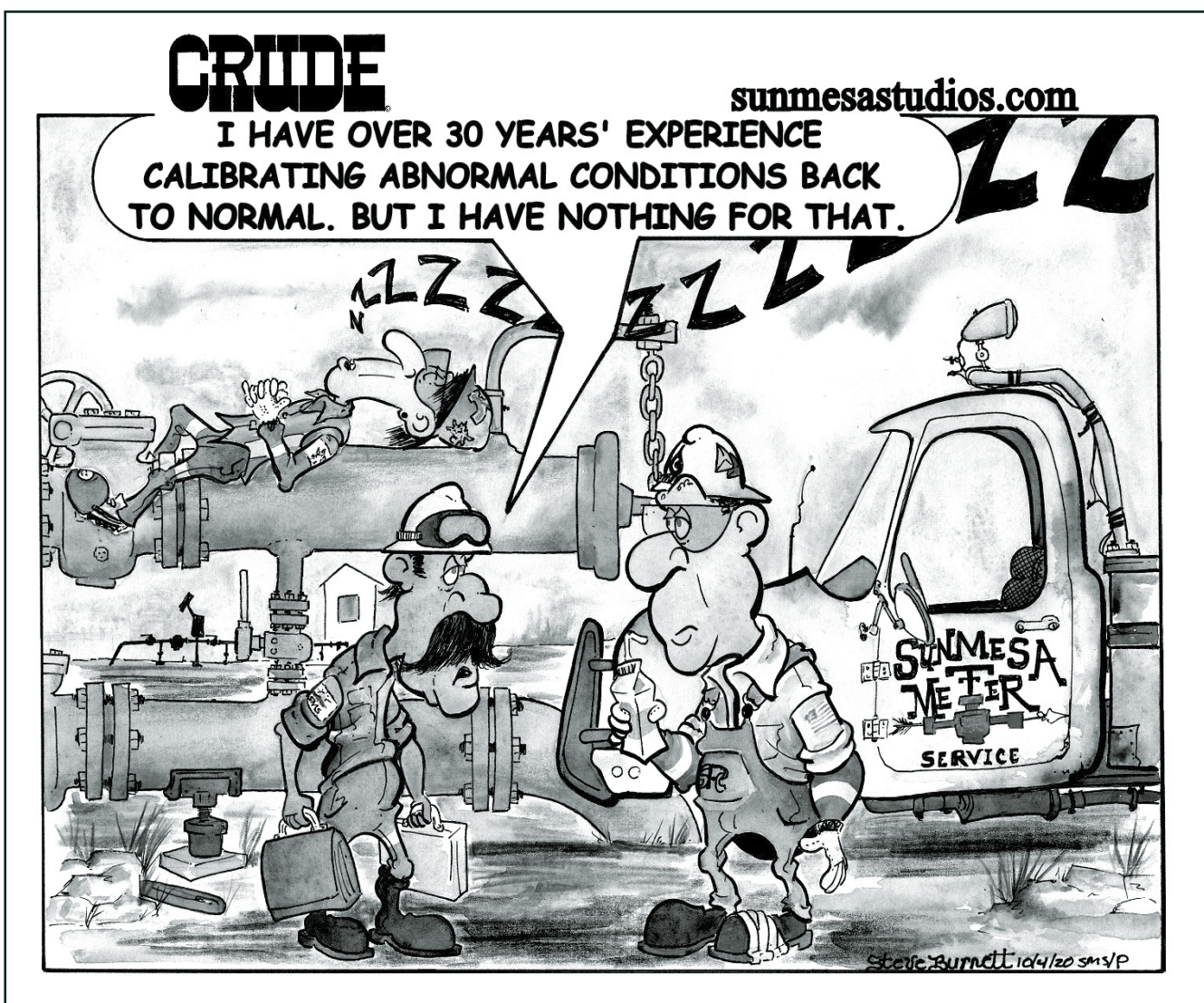


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Gate Bridge, a baseball game, the Grand Canyon, aerial sights of American cities, wheat fields of Kansas, children playing and other aspects of Americana were projected onto a 360-degree screen in a round building. You could turn completely around and wherever you looked you saw images of the United States. And you did this while America the Beautiful played over loud speakers. I have chills today thinking about it.

When you are away from your country for two years you get a good look at what we have as Americans. And it makes us proud. I remember driving along the coast of Spain by myself one midnight while Armed Forces Radio was signing off with the national anthem. I stopped the car, got out, and stood at attention with my hand over my heart until the music stopped. When I got back to New York I took my duffel bag off my shoulder hit the ground and kissed the asphalt. I was glad to be home.

I really thought everybody was patriotic, like I was, proud to be Americans. I thought that until January 6, 2021.



## A spoonfull of sugar

The clever and ever-so-simple message Julie Andrews conveyed in The Sound of Music—a classic if there ever was one—provided encouragement that thrilled a nation.

We often chose to believe the obvious—that “just a spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down”—but it would have taken sugar fields much bigger than the “old cotton fields back home” to sweeten Super Bowl LV. It was—tied up and “ribboned”—a dud. The game and its always-ballyhooed TV commercials were “bad medicine” for the tens of millions of us who didn't care who won, but had hoped for a thrilling game and memorable commercials.

If it had been a baseball game, it would be remembered for strikeouts and “muffed” ground balls. Yep, unless one happens to live in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area, it would take trainloads of sugar to swallow much of what we saw on the “toob.” You could trust that your snacks would be good; most else wasn't.

Kansas City—the beef megacenter—was brought to its knees by a GOAT. That's what they call the Buccaneers' 43-year-old quarterback Tom Brady, who did everything short of head-butting the Chiefs into submission.

Brady—all but granted “sainthood” by analyst Tony Romo—may well be the GOAT, now that I know what it stands for. It means “Greatest Of All

Time,” a title few can argue if Brady's exploits are restricted to the football field. Even then, the title should be restricted to games played with footballs precisely inflated.

There was, though, one shining light 'mongst the brown-outs of generally forgettable ads. Bruce Springsteen was brilliant in his piece about common ground.

That Jeep ad, however, also provides a tiny specific reference Chiefs' fans can point to with pride.

It opens with the picture of a “little chapel in Kansas.” (Reckon how many Kansans are thrilled that KC—the region's largest city—is located mostly in Missouri?) Whatever, when the Bucs scored their third touchdown with mere seconds remaining in the first half, the collective “whoosh” heard throughout the land signaled that the heated battle sports scribes predicted was gone with the wind.

That's when I decided to go for a drive, hoping that nature's sights and sounds would help me salvage a day from which I expected more.

I headed to East Texas, where I knew that Uncle Mort, the 108-year-old denizen of the thicket, would provide insight. I don't mean about the game, but mostly his little world, where he continues his search for quick riches. There's little evidence so far.

The rapid-fire ideas he “wanted to run by me” suggest that while rainbows might brighten skies from time to time, there are no pots of gold to be found.

Consider this: He and Aunt Maude weren't watching the game. Instead, they were on the front porch, “doing something constructive.” He was washing golf balls; she was sewing up tennis balls.

He said he'd been on the creek a lot, diving for golf balls. “They built a new golf course up the road, and there's a running creek on the fairway leading to the third hole.”

The picture of Mort in a swimsuit diving for the errant golf balls is not a pretty one, but now I understand his eBay ads, touting “slightly used golf balls that have never been on the green.”

That's not all. The tennis balls Maude is repairing fell from the front “legs” of metal “walkers” at the care center. Mort's contention in the ad is that the balls have “never been on the court.”

Next, he wants to raise homing pigeons. “I read about a guy who has sold his homing pigeon on eBay 13 times,” Mort laughed.

I chuckled on the drive home, thankful for an uncle who insists on tuning out daily noises of turmoil and strife, choosing to take the road less traveled to his world of make believe....

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## DAILY PRAYER

*We make choices every day, Lord, may we make the right choice and walk with You,*

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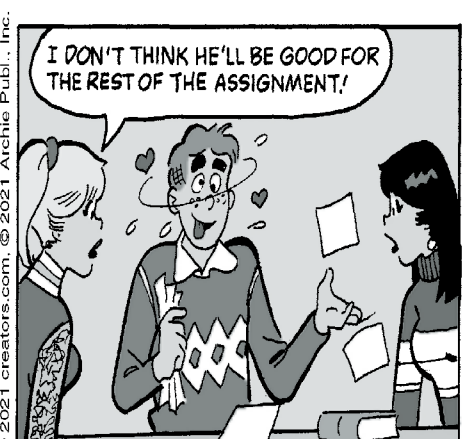


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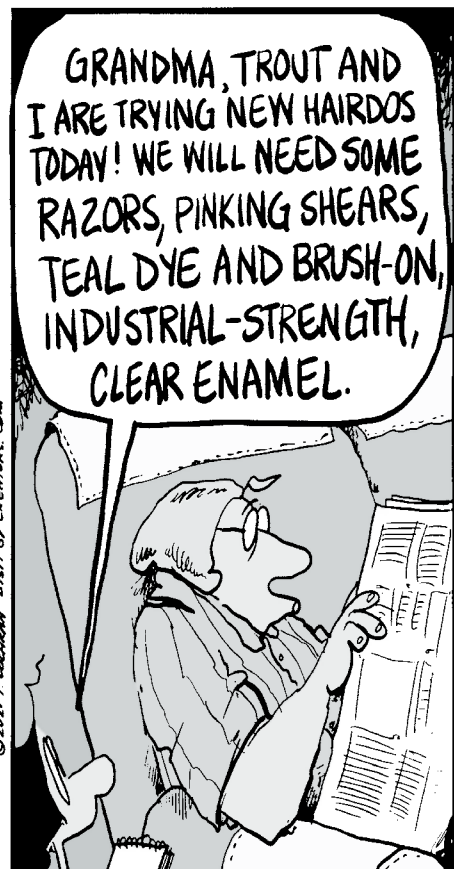
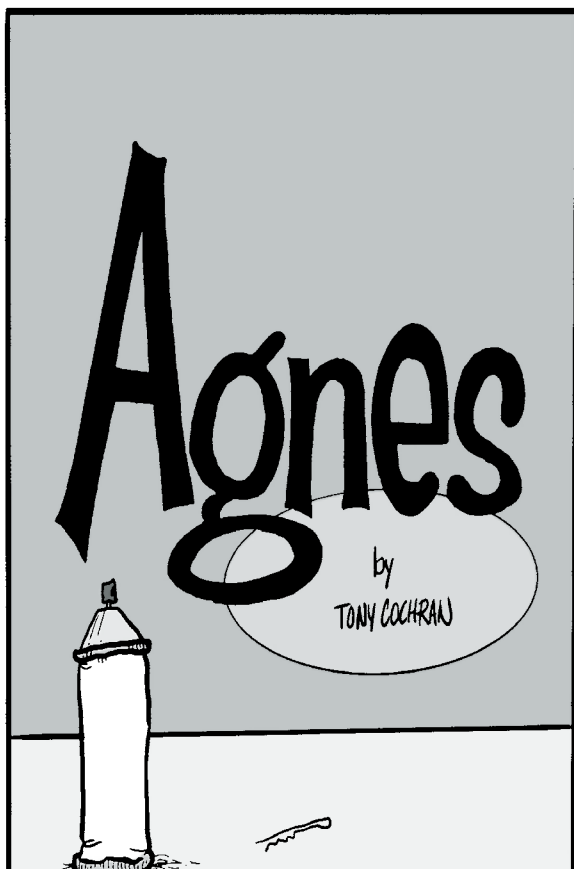
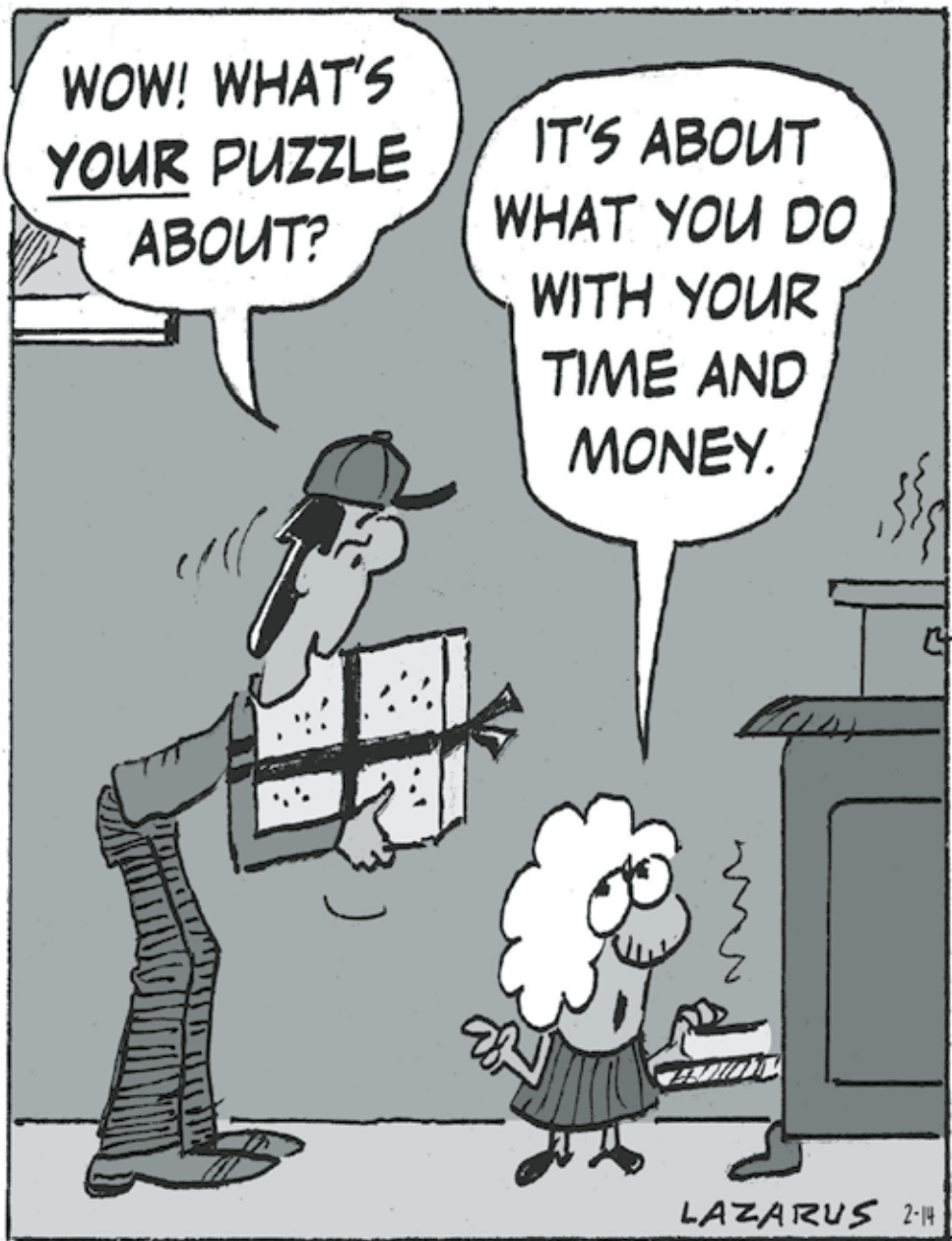
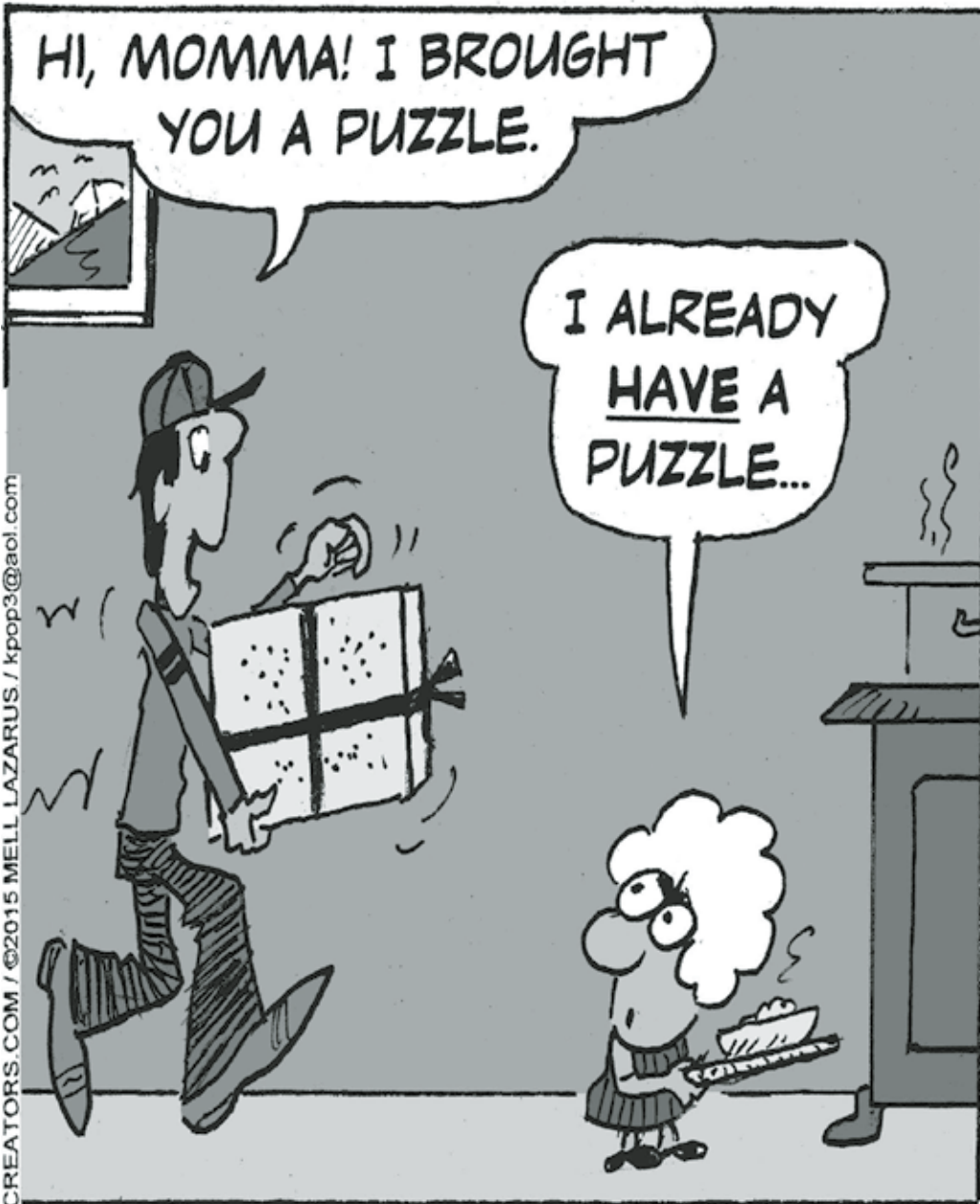
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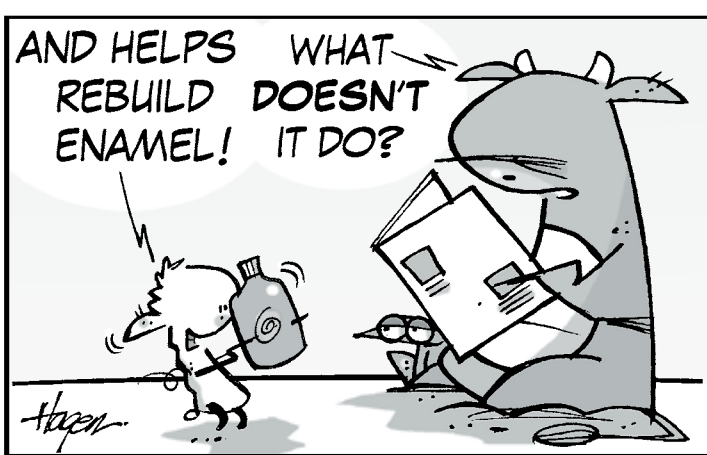
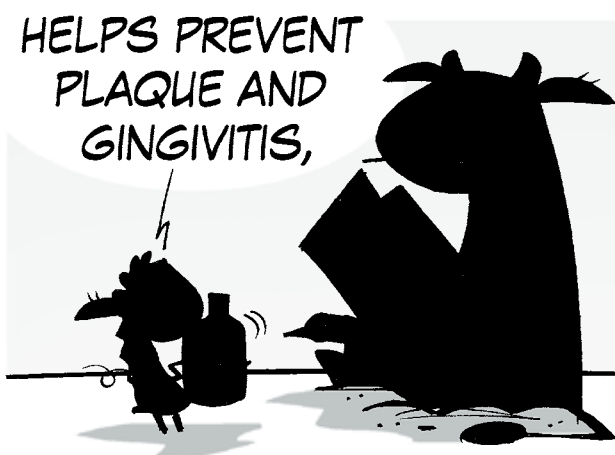
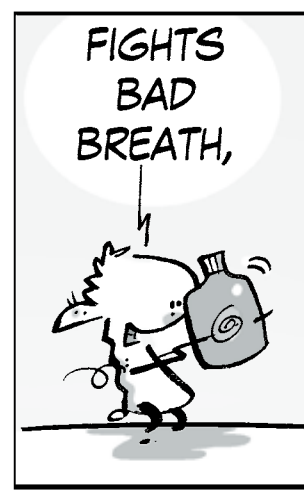
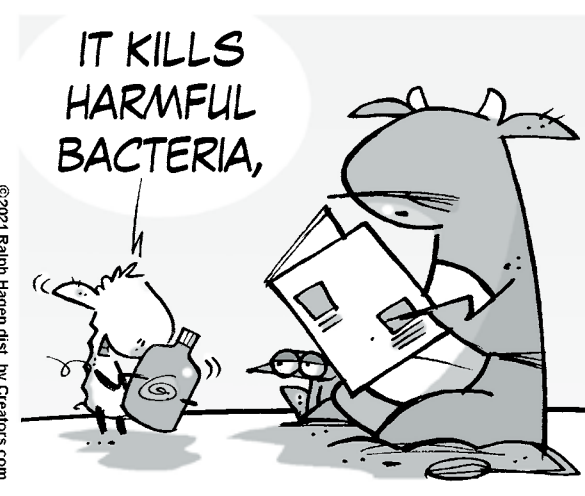
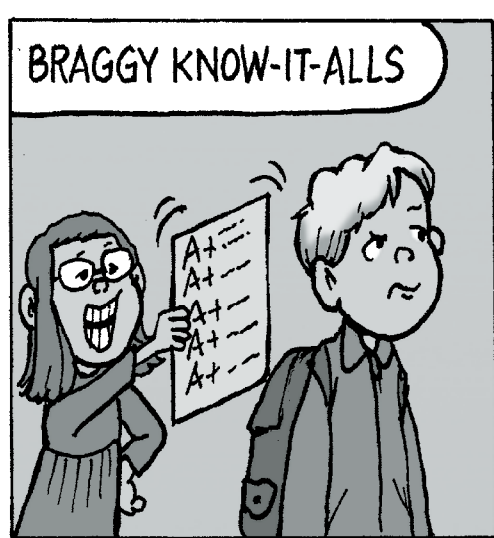
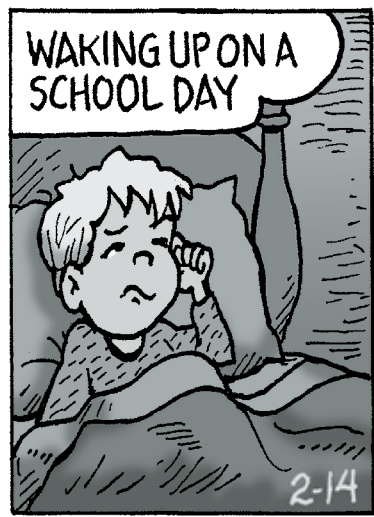
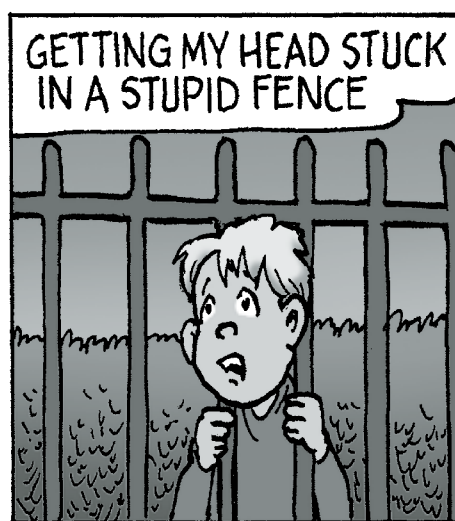
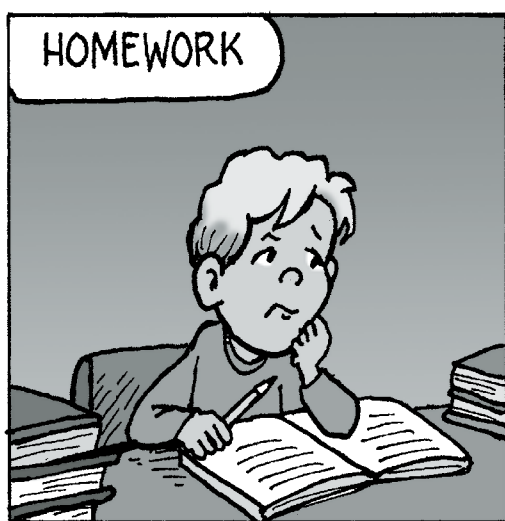
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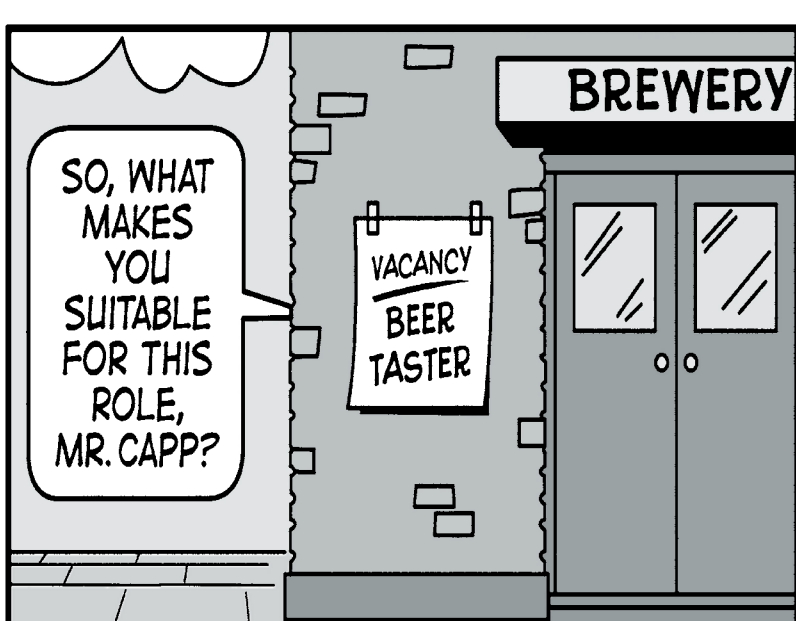
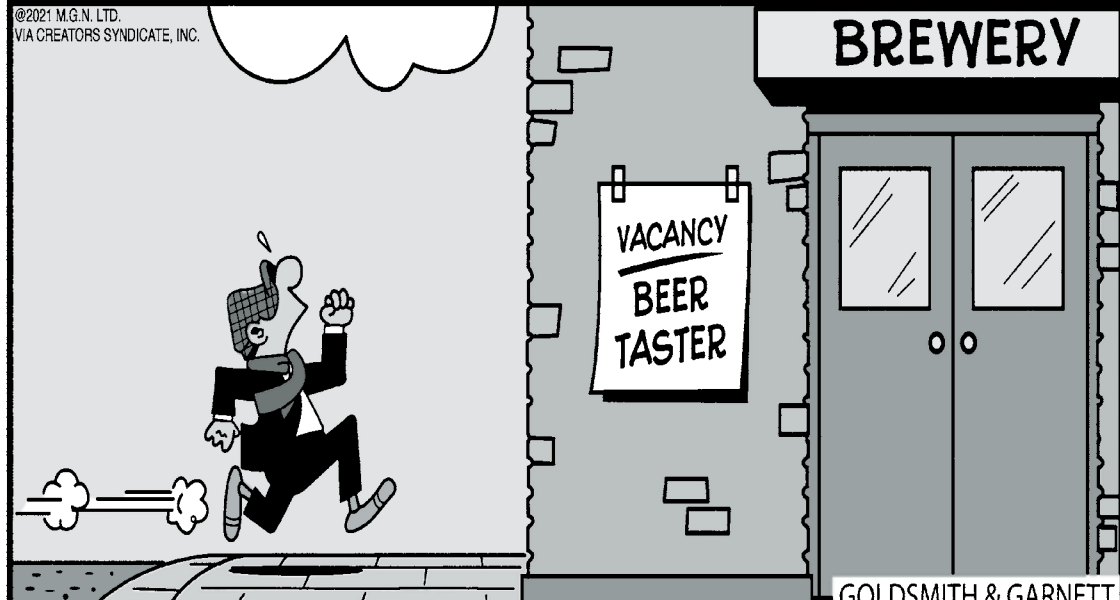
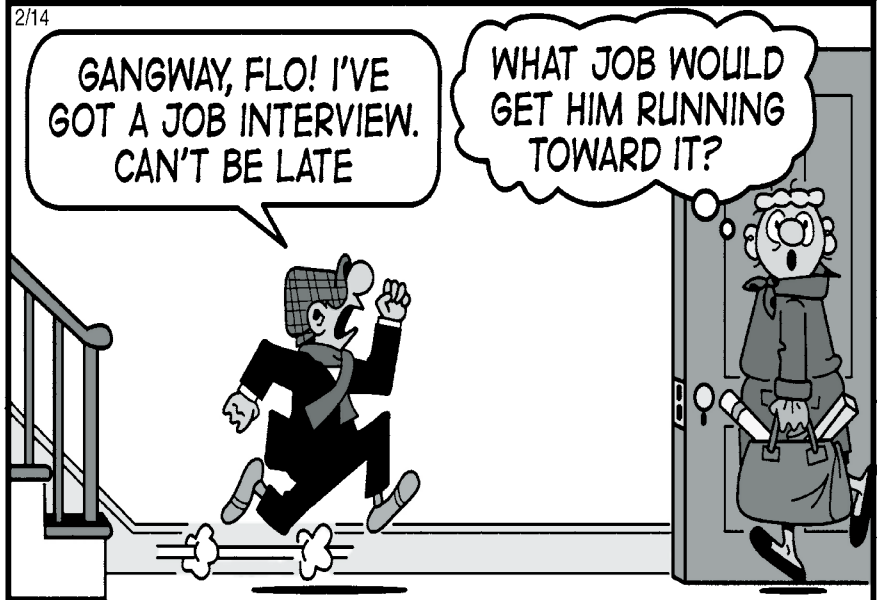


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# Conference tournaments still on schedule despite COVID\_19 concerns

By **JOE REEDY**

AP Sports Writer

Gonzaga's Mark Few isn't being asked the usual question of where his team should be seeded for next month's NCAA Tournament. The Bulldogs remain unbeaten and have been the top-ranked team all season, making them a virtual shoo-in for a top seed.

Instead, he is being asked if it makes any sense for Gonzaga to compete in its conference tournament given ongoing pandemic concerns.

"I think everybody is kind of waiting to see what's going to be the best thing for the league moving forward," Few said. "So, we'll just see how it goes."

With a little more than four weeks remaining until Selection Sunday, all 30 conferences playing this season are planning to hold tournaments to determine their automatic bids to the 68-team field. The deadline is Feb. 26 for leagues to notify the selection committee if they plan to shift the bid to their regular-season champion.

Coaches appear split on holding conference tournaments. A recent CBS Sports survey of 41 coaches found 27% were opposed.

Few would love to get his team two more games in a tournament setting and help raise the West Coast Conference's profile a couple more notches, but not at the expense of his team missing March Madness due to COVID-19. The NCAA has mandated that teams must have seven straight days of negative tests prior to arriving in Indiana. Players must have an additional two negative PCR tests before starting practice.

"There are some really stringent and strict protocols that we are going to really hit here to get ourselves ready," Few said. "We kind of discovered with our own little COVID-19 experience with all our guys, seven, nine days is kind of that window that if you're around somebody that is exposed and you can make it past that, you should be good. That's going to be really tight with the conference tournament."

Gonzaga's only advantage if it has

a positive test is that the WCC final would take place March 9 while most conferences have their finals either March 13 or 14.

Two of the Power Five conferences have moved their tournaments to limit travel. The Big Ten moved its tournament from Chicago to Indianapolis earlier this week. The Atlantic Coast earlier decided to play its games in Greensboro, North Carolina, instead of Washington.

The SEC (Nashville) and Big 12 (Kansas City) are remaining in their current locations. Baylor coach Scott Drew said the Big 12 has told coaches their setup would be like a bubble similar to the NCAA Tournament.

The Pac-12 and West Coast — along with the Mountain West, Western Athletic and Big West — are playing in Las Vegas, with all five conferences discussing the best practices. The Big West had been held in Anaheim, California, since 2001 but moved to Vegas this year to set up a bubble.

Even though most conferences aren't expected to have fans at their games, they would lose more money via television contracts if a tournament had to be scrapped. For some, that would be a second straight season of conference tournament disruptions since the pandemic's onset came in the midst of championship week last year.

Instead of tournaments, some coaches would like to see teams make up postponed games, but it is nearly impossible to make up everything at this point. For example,

No. 2 Baylor has had six Big 12 games postponed, including both against West Virginia.

With the unbalanced schedules, the tournaments might also be the only equitable way to ensure all teams in a conference get a shot at making the big dance.

"Given what these kids have already dealt with all season long, do you really want to take that opportunity away? The answer to that is probably not," Creighton coach Greg McDermott said. "Fortunately, there are people a lot smarter than me that are going to make those decisions. Like usual, I'll just do what I'm told."

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski is in favor of the ACC tournament for two reasons — it is one of the oldest in the country and the automatic bid might be the Blue Devils' only shot to make the field.

"The ACC tournament is such an important thing. I would want that more than making up a game during that time because of how important that is for our conference than a singular game," he said.

Louisville coach Chris Mack believes some teams will opt out of

their conference postseason if they have an NCAA berth secured.

However, Kentucky coach John Calipari said teams opting out this year could have negative effects down the road.

Calipari doesn't hide his disdain for conference tournaments but does see the value in them.

"If the best teams in conferences opt out, the NCAA would probably come back and say your winner is not going to be an automatic bid. And so, why wouldn't we do it every year, the top four or five teams in our league just say we're opting out of the tournament so that we get one more team in. So, I don't think that will be the case," he said. "I think that either we'll all play or there will be a reason — and the reason would be the safety

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The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: *Where people and pets connect*

# Eye Care

By **MELANIE GAMBRELL**  
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As I begin to see signs of aging in myself I am also noticing it in my older pets. They suffer from the same ailments that we do, cataracts, bad backs, knee hip and joint pains, heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, obesity, asthma, thyroid disease, diabetes, you name it. If we get it, then so can they.

As I prepare for upcoming cataract surgery for myself, I wanted to look into cataract surgery for our pets. To spot a cataract in your family fur baby, look into their eyes and if you are beginning to notice their eyes looking cloudy that may be the first sign of cataracts.

What exactly is a cataract? A cataract is the cloudiness within the lens of an eye. It's the same in a human as it is in your pet. A cataract messes with

or interferes with the light as it tries to reach the retina. If the cataract is bad enough it can cause blurred vision and even blindness in the person or animal. In some animals as stated by Kristen Gervais, DVM, MS, DACVO, a cataract can be inherited with the cataract genetically programmed to occur. She also states other common causes of cataracts in dogs including diabetes, ocular trauma and ocular inflammation. In rare occasion a puppy may be born with cataracts or may even develop them within the first few weeks of its life.

Ignoring chronic cataracts can

cause pain in your pet's eyes and cause secondary issues such as retinal detachment or glaucoma and ultimately blindness.

After your family veterinarian has accessed your pet for cataracts he or she will recommend you on to a specialist or Ophthalmologist for this type of specialized surgery. To see if your pet is a candidate for cataract surgery, they must meet other health requirements. As with any surgery, pre-blood screenings and a wellness or physical exam will be made to make sure that your pet is healthy enough for the anesthesia. Your spe-

cialist will also perform two other tests to see if your pet is a candidate for cataract surgery. Ocular Ultrasound will evaluate the back portion of the eye and ERG, Electroretinogram, test will monitor the function of the retina. A CAT Scan may also be recommended to scan all areas in and around the eyes.

As I am understanding about my upcoming cataract surgery, they will go in and remove the cloudy, cataractous lens and implant an intraocular lens so that I can see again. Same as in a dog they will remove the old lens by a procedure called, phacoemulsification. All is done with general anes-

thesia and under the watchful eyes of a cataract specialist or veterinary ophthalmologist. Through a small incision or cut they will fragment and aspirate the cataract from the eye. They then will insert an artificial lens to restore your pet's vision. Sounds simple enough, right!

Cataract surgery in dogs has a very high success rate, with 95% of dogs regaining their vision once they recover. ETHOS veterinary health reports that long-term vision after surgery is 90% at 1 year and 80% at 2 year post-operatively.

After any surgery you will have to follow doctor's orders. I've already been prescribed eye medication for my cataract surgery and you'll be required to do that for you pet as well. The only good things for me I'm hoping that I won't be made to wear the dreaded "Lamp Shade, Elizabethan Collar or E-Collar" to prevent me from scratching my eye as your pet will be required to wear one. Healing usually runs around two weeks following doctor's orders.

Some areas cataract surgery may run from \$2,700 to \$4,000. This estimate includes everything from the preliminary exam to the specialized testing, followed with the surgery, anesthesia, surgery room, hospitalization, medication and post-op care.

What if you just can't afford cataract surgery for your fur baby? Visiting with your family vet as soon as you see the cloudiness in their eyes, will prevent them from a potentially painful life and preventing secondary problems. Your vet can prescribe eye drops or ointments to insure your pet remains pain free and will visit with you about a course of ac-



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Do you have a breed that is more susceptible to having cataracts?

Golden Retrievers, Miniature Poodles, Boston Terriers, Siberian Huskie, American Cocker Spaniels, Miniature Schnauzers

Do your research, visit with your family vet about cataract surgery for your pets. While doing research about cataract surgery I saw ads that state, "Proven to reverse cataracts in dogs 100%" "Dog cataract natural solution-eye see clearly treatment" Buyer beware. Do not fall victim to on-line scams, do your research. Please don't litter, spay and neuter.



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**Cataracts can be a problem in certain breed of dogs, more so than others.**

## BBB Tip: Avoiding romance scams this Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is approaching, and many hope to spend it with someone special. With the rise of social media and online dating over the years, there are more ways than ever to find love. However, these platforms also create opportunities for scammers to reach potential victims.

Two dozen Texans reported romance scams to BBB Scam Tracker last year, losing over \$55,000 total and an average of more than \$2,000 each. According to the 2018 and 2019 Scam Tracker Risk Reports, the financial impact of this scam has increased in recent years, making them the costliest type of fraud for consumers.

Not only can romance scams be financially devastating, but they are emotionally trying for the individuals who fall for them. Scammers generally reach their victims via social media or dating apps, where they begin to build a relationship with them. The impostors share stories about themselves, often claiming they work overseas and need plane tickets home, have sick relatives or are experiencing financial troubles. This information, often accompanied by excuses for never meeting in person, is meant to convince their targets to send them money.

Some begin to ask for money after a few days or weeks, while others will keep the charade up for several months, allowing their target to become emotionally invested in the relationship. One Texas woman lost \$43,000 after a relationship that lasted three months, sharing with BBB that she became engaged to a man she met online who claimed to be working in Saudi Arabia. He said

to expect an expensive package, then repeatedly asked her to pay thousands of dollars to cover shipping, insurance costs and various fees. "I did not want to pay at first, but the man who claimed to be my fiancé kept begging me to pay because he said he spent lots of money on the package. I just did what he said because I really liked him, and he seemed real on the phone."

Data from Better Business Bureau, the Financial Industry Regulation Authority (FINRA) and the Stanford Center for Longevity show that women ages 55 to 64 are most likely to be targeted for a romance scam. In addition to common risk factors, COVID-19 and the CARES Act motivated scammers to steal federal

funds through romance scams. After the recent distribution of stimulus checks, and hopes of more to come, taxpayers should be especially diligent when interacting with people online.

Use these tips from your Better Business Bureau to protect your heart and wallet this Valentine's Day:

Never send money to strangers. Never give money to someone you haven't met in person. Be especially wary if they ask you to send funds through wire transfer, money orders or pre-paid cards, as these forms of payment are untraceable and cannot be returned. Cut off contact immediately with anyone who requests money online.



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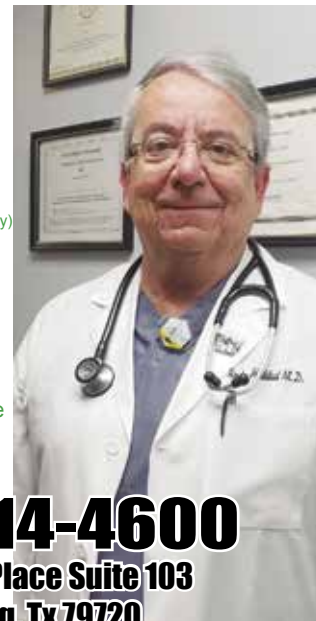
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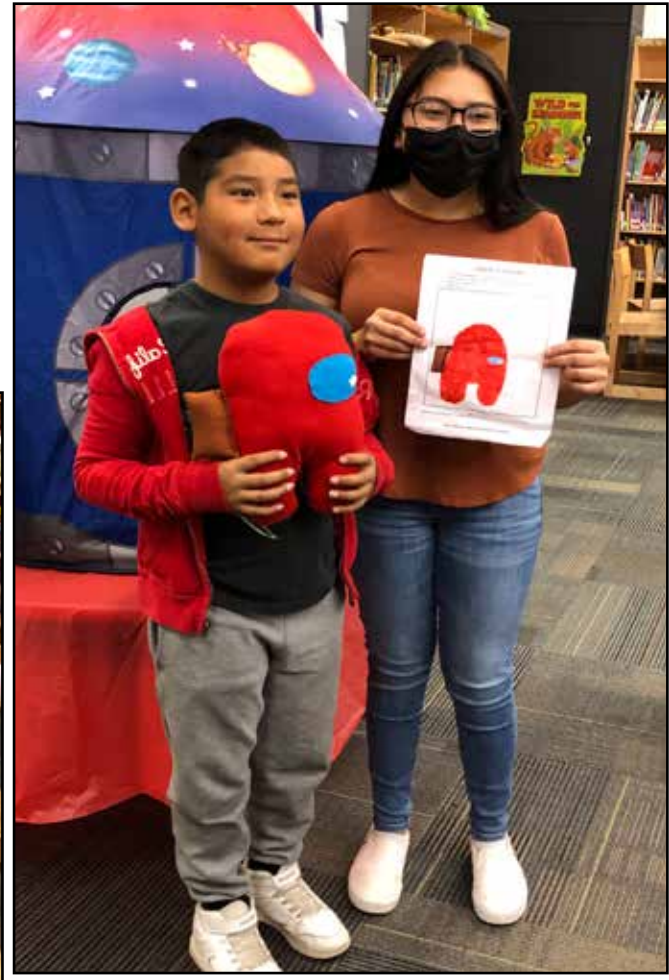
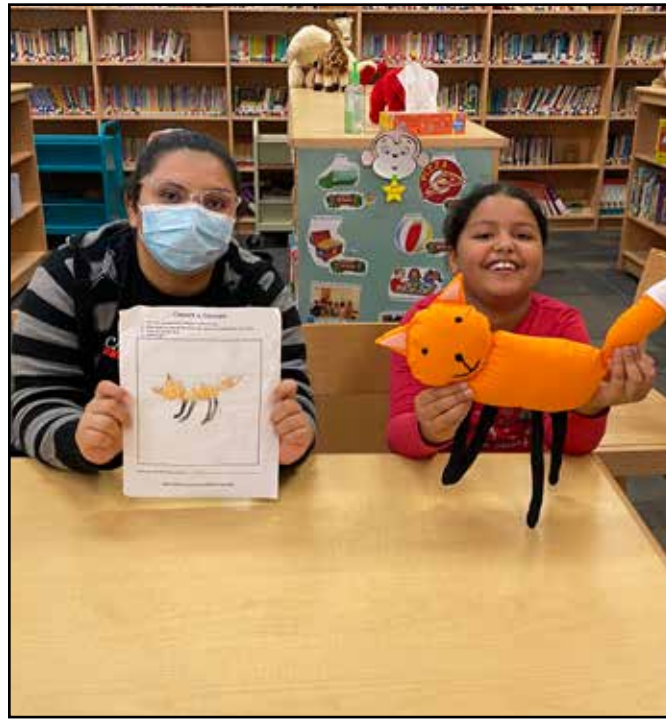
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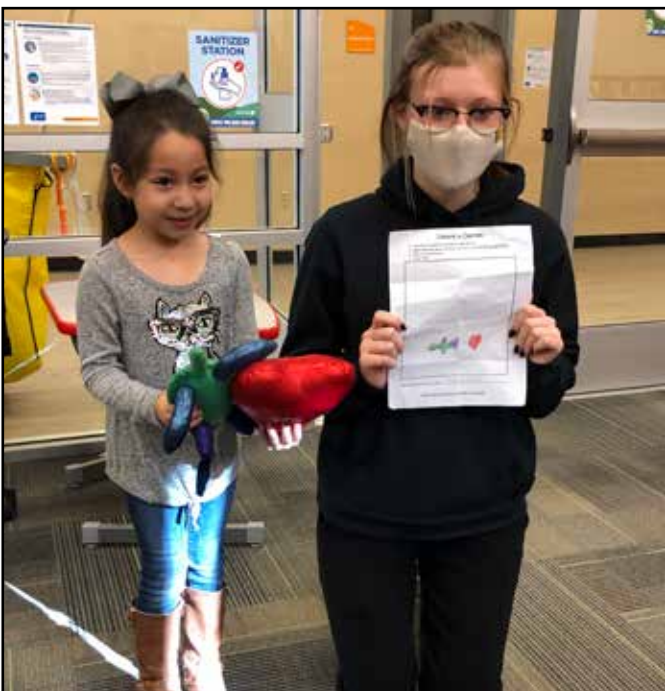
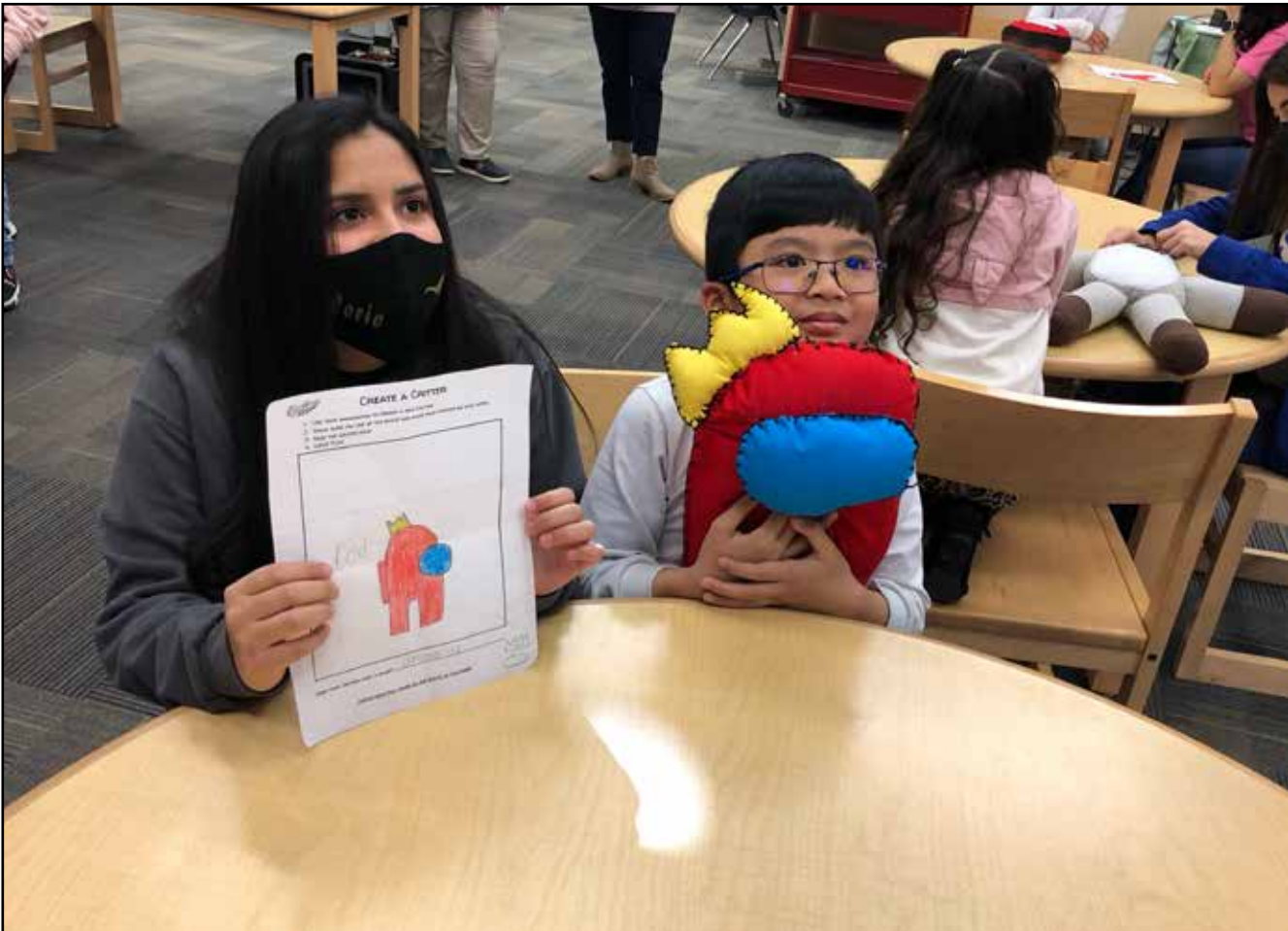
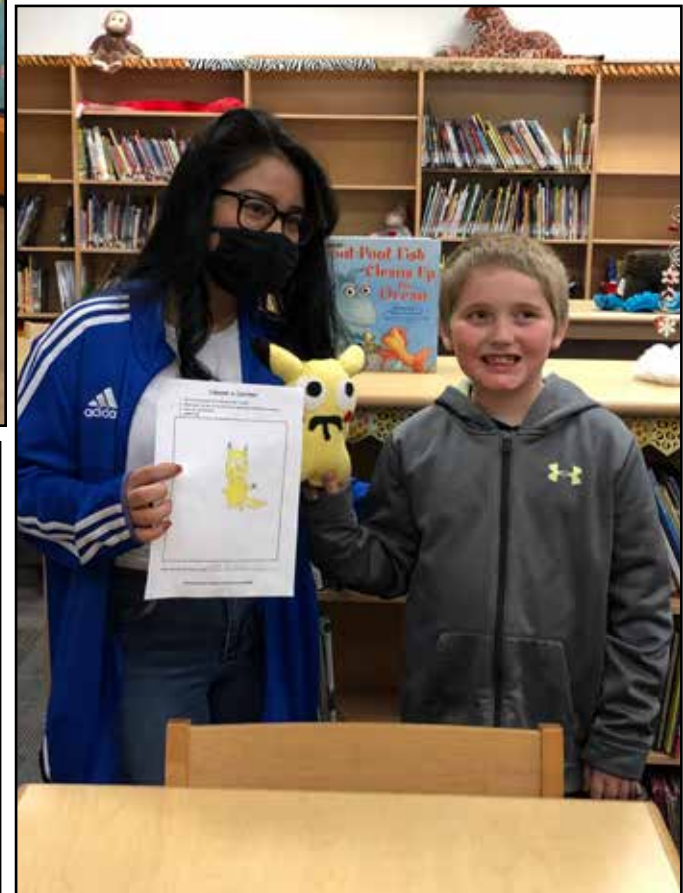


## Creative Critters

brought to life by Big Spring Design students



HERALD File Photo/Iris Rangel  
Big Spring ISD Design Class students created magical creatures imagined by Marcy Elementary students. A variety of critters were made that included a fox, Among Us characters, and a unicorn look-a-like. Marcy Elementary students designed their critters and it was up to the BSISD Design students to make it real. Overall, the Marcy students enjoyed having their fictional characters come to life.



HERALD photos/Iris Rangel  
This past semester students from the Design class at Big Spring High School have been rocking out creative designs and putting their talent to use. Recently, a joint project was undertaken as the Marcy Elementary students were tasked with creating creatures for the Design Students to bring to life. Each student created their own silly creature and then submitted all ideas to the class. The students were able to look at all of the entries and choose their favorites. Those critters were then brought to life as the students worked on one or two, of their choosing. The project came full circle this past week as the Marcy Elementary students and the Design High School students came together to unveil their creations.

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# Howard County Lunch Menus

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K-12th Breakfast

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito with hash browns, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Sausage kolache with yogurt or breakfast bread with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast sandwich, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

## K-8 Lunch

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Crispy tacos or frito pie or taco salad, fresh veggie cup, beans, salsa, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Ravioli with Tuscan veggies or chicken nuggets with mash potatoes, broccoli, roll, fruit cup, dessert, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger or pizza or popcorn chicken salad, fries, carrots, snowball salad, milk.

Friday: Pulled pork sliders or chicken parmesan with breadstick, green beans, garden salad, chilled pineapple, dessert, milk.

## 9-12 Lunch

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Crispy tacos or frito pie or taco salad, rice, fresh veggie cup, beans, salsa, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Ravioli with Tuscan veggies or chicken nuggets with mash potatoes, broccoli, roll, fruit cup, dessert, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger or pizza or popcorn chicken salad, fries, carrots, snowball salad, milk.

Friday: Pulled pork sliders or chicken parmesan with breadstick, chips, green beans, garden salad, chilled pineapple, dessert, milk.

## Big Spring ISD

### Anderson

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Pastry cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ chicken melt, egg chef salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks with sauce, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry french toast bites, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken-n-waffles, taco nacho salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak with roll, chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast pizza, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

## Elementary

Monday: Breakfast: Yogurt with crackers, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Hot dog with chips, peanut butter and jelly uncrustable sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a bun, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll, taco nacho salad, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Country fried steak, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Tony's pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and muffin, fruit and vegetable, milk.

## High School

Monday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Salisbury steak with noodles, baconburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Cheese sticks with sauce, hamburger/cheeseburg-

er, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon rolls, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ pork sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry bagel, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate filled crescent, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs Cereal bowl, assorted

fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Big Steer, burger, walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza.

## Intermediate

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or walking taco, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coco Puff Pastry, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken fried steak.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or ham and mac casserole.

## Junior High

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or walking taco, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coco Puff Pastry, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken fried steak.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and elf graham. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or ham and mac casserole.

## Kentwood Pre-K

Monday: Breakfast: Maple waffle bites, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger with smile fries, fruit, and 1% milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Hot dog with chips, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, fruit and vegetables, 1% milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Hot dog with chips, fruit and vegetables, 1% milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Fudge popart, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Tony's cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

## Forsan ISD

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cereal bars, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Steak fingers or cheese sticks with marinara or turkey and cheese sub, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, strawberry and bananas, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Chicken and waffles or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice



and milk. Lunch: Pizza or crispy chicken salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken with roll (elementary) mini corn dogs (elementary) Buffalo popcorn chicken bowl with roll (JH/HS) chicken parmesan (JH/HS) or turkey and cheese sub, tots, baby carrots, fruit gelatin, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Mini powdered donuts with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Nachos with ground beef or turkey and cheese sub (elementary) crispy chicken bacon ranch jalapeno



wrap (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, fries, baby carrots, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

## Sands CISD

Monday: No school

Tuesday: Breakfast: Stuffed bagel, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Fish sticks mac and cheese, black eyed peas, garden salad, grapes, cookie, milk variety.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Taquito and queso, charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, apple slices, cookie, milk variety.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake and sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, celery sticks, baby carrots, pears, milk variety.

Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Grilled cheese, chips, tomato soup, red bell pepper strips, seasoned corn, apple sauce, milk variety.

## Senior Center

Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, macaroni salad, baked chips, cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Pork roast with gravy, potatoes carrots and onion, spinach, mandarin oranges, roll, milk

Wednesday: Smoked sausage, saerkraut, red roasted potatoes, applesauce, bread, milk.

Thursday: Chopped BBQ on a bun, potato salad, pinto beans, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, french fries, macaroni and cheese, peach cobbler, milk.

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### Chamber of Commerce happenings ...



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated with Legacy Real Estate for a ribbon cutting on the new business. Chamber Ambassadors were on site for the celebration as well as the realtors and family members.



*HERALD photo/Dustin Pope*

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated with Coahoma ISD, KBest and the Abusaabs the unveiling of the new sound system in the Competition Gym at the Coahoma school.

### Stimulus proposal Ag provisions update

**Special to the Herald**

USDA

The House Agriculture Committee held a lengthy business meeting yesterday to officially organize and consider agricultural-related provisions of President Biden's \$1.9 trillion stimulus plan.

The stimulus consideration process was distinctly different than the path of past COVID relief packages. The congressional process of budget reconciliation is being used as a parliamentary tool to fast-track the stimulus legislation with a simple majority vote in the House and Senate.

Chairman David Scott (D-GA)

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*Courtesy photo/USDA*

The House Agriculture Committee held a lengthy meeting this past week and discussed provisions of the \$1,9 trillion stimulus package under President Biden.

### Texas weekly gas update from GasBuddy

**Special to the Herald**

GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 2.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.15/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 16.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 5.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.88/g today while the most expensive is \$2.79/g, a difference of 91.0 cents per gallon. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.88/g while the highest is \$2.79/g, a difference of 91.0 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.45/g today. The national average is up 13.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 1.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

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

February 8, 2020: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.43/g)  
 February 8, 2019: \$1.97/g (U.S. Average: \$2.29/g)  
 February 8, 2018: \$2.36/g (U.S. Average: \$2.59/g)  
 February 8, 2017: \$2.08/g (U.S. Average: \$2.26/g)  
 February 8, 2016: \$1.54/g (U.S. Average: \$1.73/g)  
 February 8, 2015: \$1.99/g (U.S. Average: \$2.17/g)  
 February 8, 2014: \$3.05/g (U.S. Average: \$3.26/g)  
 February 8, 2013: \$3.38/g (U.S. Average: \$3.57/g)  
 February 8, 2012: \$3.39/g (U.S. Average: \$3.48/g)  
 February 8, 2011: \$2.96/g (U.S. Average: \$3.11/g)  
 Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:  
 Midland Odessa- \$2.29/g, up 4.9 cents per gallon

from last week's \$2.24/g.

San Antonio- \$2.07/g, up 1.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.05/g.

Austin- \$2.11/g, up 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.09/g.

"Many factors continue to push oil prices higher, but at the foundation of the rise is the fact that the coronavirus situation continues to improve, pushing global oil demand higher as production continues to lag, pushing U.S. gas prices higher," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Until OPEC intercedes and raises oil production in the months ahead, motorists should continue to expect rising gas prices, which for the first time some time stand at their highest in over a year, adding misery to the dire economic situation as millions remain jobless. The news won't likely improve in the months ahead, with continued increases in gas prices as OPEC maintains a tight balance between reduced demand and supply, keeping prices on the higher side."

*GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey covering credit card transactions at 100,000 stations and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on 7,000 gas stations, GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.*

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# Johnson tours TSTC, finds new career

**Special to the Herald**

TSTC

ABILENE - U.S. Navy veteran James Johnson had some downtime in his life.

"I decided I wanted to go back to school. I knew I could use my GI Bill," said Johnson, a student in Texas State Technical College's Industrial Systems program.

In fact, Johnson already knew some of the things he would learn in the program. While in the Navy, Johnson worked with electronics, satellite communications and information technology systems.

When he left the Navy, he entered the workforce as a calibrator for Texas Aerospace Services. But the downtime came, and he wanted to learn more.

"When you see what is in here (TSTC's Industrial Technology Center), everything is offered in this one program," he said. "Welding is just one aspect. This program offers you multiple opportunities."

Another reason he chose TSTC was the help he received from Annette Collins, the Veteran Services program officer in West Texas.

"Annette is one of the reasons I started here. She knows what veterans need to do to get into school," Johnson said. "She would sit down with me and help me with each step."

Collins was equally impressed with Johnson.



*Courtesy photo*

**James Johnson toured TSTC's Industrial Systems program and immediately knew it was a career he wanted to pursue.**

"I was so honored to talk to him because he holds all the values of a veteran," she said. "I saw the potential in him, and I felt

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described the stimulus provisions as a way to address needs that were not included in the December year-end COVID package. That December package included more than \$11 billion in ag relief, including supplemental Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) payments, which has not yet been implemented by USDA.

The stimulus provisions approved by the committee on a party line vote include:

\$1 billion in assistance to and support for community-based organizations and 1890 Land Grant and other minority-serving institutions that work with Black farmers and other farmers of color on land access, financial training, heirs property issues, training the next generation and access to education

Farm Loan Assistance for Black farmers and other farmers of color

Extending 15% SNAP benefit increase through September 30, 2021

\$37 million to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program to fill a gap that has grown as food for this program has become scarcer during the pandemic

\$500 million in Community Facility Program funds to help rural hospitals and local communities broaden access to COVID-19 vaccines & food assistance

\$3.6 billion for the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to help the food and ag sector supply chains

\$100 million in overtime fee relief to small meat and poultry processors currently grappling with COVID-19-related backlogs

\$800 million for the Food for Peace program, including for purchases of U.S.-grown crops used in international humanitarian aid

The sole amendment approved by the committee was proposed by Rep. Feenstra (R-IA) to extend WHIP+ coverage to 2020 crop losses and clarify that high winds and derechos are covered causes of loss. Rep. Axne (D-IA) crossed party lines to support the amendment.

The provisions passed by the House Agriculture Committee will now be combined with relief approved by other committees before moving to the full House for consideration.

## RECORDS

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Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring

Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring

Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring

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Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring

Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring

Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring

Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

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### Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Bobby Porras and Amanda Porras  
Grantee: Joshua Robles and Gabrielle Robles  
Property: Tract 1: Lots 4-6, subdivision "C" in block 3, Fairview Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: A certain parcel of land 10 feet in width Northward and Southward by one hundred forty feet in length Eastward and Westward abutting the South boundary line of Lot 6, subdivision "C" in block 3, Fairview Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described as follows  
Date: January 21, 2021

Grantor: Lucia P. Gonzales

Grantee: Miguel A Reyes

Property: Lot 6, block 37, Cole and Strayhorn Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas  
Date: November 24, 2020

Grantor: Miguel A. Reyes

Grantee: Billy Starr and Christina Menchaca

Property: Lot 6, block 37, Cole and Strayhorn Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: January 25, 2021

Grantor: M5 Royalty LLC

Grantee: H&P Boring Services LLC

Property: Lots Nos. 3,4,16 and 17 in Sherrod Heights Subdivision in Section 27, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas according to proper map or plat of said subdivision of record.  
Date: January 25, 2021

Grantor: Jill Ann Willbanks as Executor of the Estate of Virginia Ruth Miller probated in County Court of Howard County, Texas

Grantee: Jill Ann Willbanks

Property: Being Lot 1, block 30, College Park Estates an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to proper map or plat records in the Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: January 25, 2021

Grantor: Dustin Garrett, heir of Shirley Parnell, deceased

Grantee: Dustin Garrett

Property: Lot No. 7, in block No. 10, in Hall Addition to the City of Big Spring in Howard County, Texas according to proper plat thereof recorded in plat records of said county.  
Date: January 29, 2021

Grantor: Chad Griffith Sr. and Kimberly Griffith a married couple

Grantee: Chad Griffith Sr. and Kimberly Griffith a married couple

Property: Being all of Lot No. 3, in block No 32, original town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 10/A Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 26, 2021

Grantor: Rejenia Ann Anderson and Harriett Jean Raindl; heirs of Martha A. McKinney, deceased

Grantee: Tall Wall LLC  
Property: Being Lot No. 19, block 29, College Park Estates, a subdivision of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat thereof of record in Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 13, 2021

Grantor: Maxine Shaffer

Grantee: Gary Shaffer

Property: Lot No. 7, in block No. 5, in Park Hill Addition to the City of Big Spring, in Howard County, Texas according to proper plat of said addition of record in Deed Records of said Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 26, 2021

Grantor: Billy Ed Thomas, executor of the Estate of William Lawrence Cason Jr. deceased

Grantee: James Anderson

Property: Lot No. 5 in block No. 2, in Whippoorwill Hill Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 15, 2021

Grantor: James Anderson

Grantee: Michael Nairn

Property: Lot No. 5, in block No. 2, in Whippoorwill Hill Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 26, 2021

Grantor: Rbrown Group LLC

Grantee: Joshua Archuleta and Tawnya Archuleta

Property: Being all of Lot No. 2 in block No. 3, Douglas Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 10/A Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 22, 2021

Grantor: Tailor Dominguez and Cade Pryor, a married couple

Grantee: Kathy Jean Stevens

Property: Being all of Lot No. 10, in block No. 2, amending Highland South Addition an addition to the

City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to proper map or plat of record in Envelope 54/B Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 29, 2021

Grantor: Halina Sosa and Richard Parsons aka Richard Parson

Grantee: Joseph Mark Hernandez

Property: Lot 3, block 1, Coronado Gardens Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, according to the proper map or plat thereof of record in envelope 172/A, plat records of Howard County.  
Date: January 22, 2021

Grantor: Scott James Turner and Anne Marie Turner  
Grantee: Carlos J. Lopez and Priscilla Lopez  
Property: Tract 1: Being a 1.497 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the North 1/3 of the SE/4 of Section 44, block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds. Tract 2: Being a 10' wide water line easement for a 1.497 acre tract, more or less out of the North 1/3 of the SE/4 of Section 44, block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.  
Date: January 22, 2021

Grantor: Jeremy M. Mills and Destiny Mills  
Grantee: Stephen Pople-Stone  
Property: Being Lot 5, block 1, Central Park Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 18/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: January 25, 2021

Grantor: Jill Ann Willbanks  
Grantee: Fermin Puga Gutierrez and Stacey Lynn Coker  
Property: Being Lot 1, block 30, College Park Estates, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat records in the Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 25, 2021

Grantor: Tom Vollmer, a single person person  
Grantee: Jeremy Mills  
Property: The West 49.0' of Lot No. 13 and the East 26 of Lot No. 12, in block No. 1, amended Highland South Addition No. 1, to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the amended plat thereof of record in Envelope 54/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas  
Date: January 25, 2021

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# Big Spring Chamber Business Extravaganza & Expo

## History of the Chamber

The concept of various businesses joining together in a mutual effort to increase commerce had its beginnings in Europe hundreds of years ago.

Primarily as a defensive tactic, traders banded together for protection against common enemies and to establish policies to govern trade. This was eventually extended as a means to exert influence on governments and legislation. The first organization of businesses was evidently in Marseilles, France, where the first use of the term, "Chamber of Commerce" has been documented. This fledgling group was established by the city council in 1599 — more than four centuries ago. The idea caught on and spread to Germany and eventually throughout Europe.

### The concept comes to America

The modern Chamber of Commerce is more of an American development. The New York State Chamber is the oldest Chamber of Commerce in America, formed in 1768 and chartered by King George III in 1770.

That makes it older than the Declaration of Independence, so Chambers of Commerce are not a new development.

### Local chambers

The first local chamber was founded in Charleston, S.C., in 1773. This was followed by New Haven, Conn., and then to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1800.

The trend spread rapidly across the country soon after. By 1870 there were 40 local Chambers of Commerce in the United States. Today there are more than 5,000 Chambers of commerce.

The primary function of protecting commerce remains the same, but it is interesting to follow the changes and adaptations of the Chamber functions through the years as chambers have adjusted to the changing needs of society.

Today the role of Chambers of Commerce has expanded to address socio-economic concerns and social needs, going far beyond its original intent several centuries ago.

The prosperity of individual businesses depends on the development of the community. The success of individual businesses serves to increase the prosperity of the community and the resulting prosperity bounces back to the benefit of the local business owner. It's a win-win deal.

### National chamber

President William Howard Taft sent a letter to Congress in 1911 addressing the need for a "central organization" in order to "keep purely American interests in a closer touch with different phases of commercial affairs." A few months later the U. S. Chamber was born.

### Your chamber

Historically and to this day the Chamber of Commerce remains the most trusted source of information on local businesses and services and the most dependable ally in commerce. There is no better partner for success than your local Chamber of Commerce.

By Ralph Higgins, a writer for the Green Business Chamber and contributor to ChamberMe.

## Partnerships make growth possible

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is focused on building local growth in the community through partnerships, networking events, and community outreach events throughout the year. Each year the numerous events throughout the community are made possible through Chamber members and partnerships that are embraced. This year, through the support of the following sponsors the Virtual Banquet was able to take place.

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To find out more information about each of the above listed sponsors, visit the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and view the postings about each of the local businesses. The Howard County community is blessed to have business owners supporting each other in every day growth to serve the Big Spring residents.

## From the desk of the Executive Director Debbye ValVerde

On behalf of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, we want to thank all essential workers in Howard County. Not only the health care workers, first responders, and those on the front lines, but the organizations of volunteers who distributed food to families in need; grocery stores, postal carriers, assisted living facilities, home health caretakers, teachers, businesses and offices that continued the everyday task, as well as retail shops and restaurants that through curbside pickup, delivery, and shipping, kept this community open. And of course, we thank YOU for the many creative ways that you found to care for and serve others this past year.

Because here in Howard County it took ALL of us to keep our community going.

You are ALL Essential Workers to us and we Thank You for everything you did... and continue to do.



## Benefits of a Chamber of Commerce membership

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has been advancing "the civic, cultural, and social betterment and interest of the people of Howard County" since 1919.

If you aren't a business owner or member of an organization, aren't familiar with the ins and outs of how a chamber works, or simply new to the area, there are many benefits of being involved with your Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

With 300 plus businesses and group memberships, the Chamber is home to community leaders throughout the county that have one goal in mind, to improve the quality of life and business climate in the area.

While the Chamber's staff of executive director Debbye ValVerde and executive assistant Nancy Davenport are seen throughout the week hosting ribbon cuttings for new businesses and presenting signs for new members, the amount of work they do behind the scenes with their Board of Directors is massive.

Annually, the Chamber hosts Pops in the Park, the Health Fair, a Christmas toy drive, and the Ag Appreciation Luncheon. Additionally, the Chamber hosts Business Before Hours and Business After Hours, both programs designed to bring local merchants together to network.

The Chamber banquet is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year, as members are recognized for their hard work and the Man and Woman of the Year are announced.

Past winners include Mamie Lee Dodds and Richard Atkins in 1993, Pat Simmons and Ben Bancroft in 1998, Linda Conway and Bobby McDonald in 2003, and Russ McEwen and Verna

Davis in 2010, just to name a few.

If you find yourself asking, "What all can a Chamber of Commerce membership really do for me?," look no further.

- Refers businesses to visitors and callers

- Helps promote businesses of the chamber

- Ribbon cuttings covered by local media outlets

- Website presence - online membership directory

- Host annual banquet, quarterly Community Series Breakfasts and Luncheons, Ag Appreciation Day, a golf tournament, the Health Fair, and other programs to provide business information and networking

- Advertising incentives from local media outlets, email blasts, social media postings (Facebook and Twitter) and membership directory

- Invitation to Chamber events (ie: Alive After 5); member to member networking

- Works with the city, county, Big Spring Economic Development, and other entities for the betterment of the community

- Quarterly Member to Member Mailer where you can promote your business for \$100 to over 360 members

- Chamber board room usage with reservations

- Involvement in the Ambassadors

If you are interested in becoming a member, or just have a few questions about the things that the Chamber hosts or is involved in, call 432-263-7641.

Information about the city, various civic groups, and businesses can be obtained at the local office, located at 215 W. Third Street.



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1969 M.R. Koger  
1970 Paul Meek  
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1972 R.H. Weaver  
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1974 Ralph McLaughlin  
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1985 Granville Hahn

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1991 Steve Fraser  
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1996 Frances Wheat  
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2002 Cheryl Sparks  
2003 Terry McDaniel  
2004 John Weeks  
2005 Joe Conciencie  
2006 Virginia Belew  
2007 Lee George  
2008 Lynda Elrod  
2009 Steve Herren  
2010 David Justice  
2011 Terri Johansen  
2012 Jan Foresyth  
2013 Jim Clements  
2014 Bruce Schooler  
2015 Amy Jacobs  
2016 Adrian Calvio



*HERALD file photo*  
Outgoing Chamber President Mark Richardson is pictured at last year's event presenting Randy Johnson with an award in recognition of his service as Chamber President the previous year.

2017 Andrea Barr  
2018 Manny Negron  
2019 Randy Johnson  
2020 Mark Richardson  
2021 Kristy Tyra

## How to become a Chamber Ambassador *Lending a helping hand and supporting local*

Chamber Ambassadors serve as an extension of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, by supporting local businesses and promoting try local, buy local mentality. Ambassadors are representing not only the Chamber, but also a wide array of businesses from education, healthcare, retail and more. To find out how to become an Ambassador, contact Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Chamber office at 432-263-7641. You can also contact Tana Bradley for an application at tanabradley@metalsolutionsbuildings.com

### Chamber Ambassadors 2019-20

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The Chamber Ambassadors take part in weekly Thank You Presentations, in addition to ribbon cuttings and other networking events hosted through the Chamber of Commerce. The Ambassadors serve as an extension of the partnerships created through the local Chamber of Commerce.



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# Man and Woman of the Year 2020



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat

The 2020 Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year were presented with their awards at private ceremonies earlier this month. Family members were present for the special recognition. This year's Man of the Year is former Howard County Judge Mark Barr and Woman of the Year is long time resident Joan Beil. Each has been serving the community of Howard County for many years and helping promote positive change for the community.

## 5 under 55 recipients for 2020



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**Brad Cox** - Coahoma ISD  
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## Leadership Big Spring - Growing community leaders

**A**re you new to Big Spring and looking to learn more about your new community? The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has just the thing for you - Leadership Big Spring! While the Leadership Big Spring class was not able to form this past year, due to the current state of the pandemic, the hope is to bring back the Leadership Big Spring class this year, or at the latest next year. "This is just to have newcomers that are showing leadership in your business... it introduces them to Big Spring," said Chamber Director Debbye Valverde. "This is just a good way for people to learn more about our community, and maybe after they go through Leadership, to get involved in any of the community organizations that we have." The class size limited, so get your application in early, Valverde said.

"We are anticipating another successful year," she said. "Employers, if you have new employees or administration personnel new to the community, this would be a good program for them to learn more about Big Spring and Howard County and get involved. This not only benefits the participants, but also the business that sponsors them. That employee will be promoting your business and will get involved in the different organizations in the coming year and will keep your business informed as to what is going on in the community and how you as a business can get involved." Participants must be willing to commit to one full day - the second Thursday - each month for nine months. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 432-263-7641.

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The County Treasurer will supply bid application forms.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0328712 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 2, 2021 Status/Permit No. 867322 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 23, 2021 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

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Lease/Unit Well No. : 10SH  
Lease/Unit Acres : 320.0  
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 330.0  
Lease Lines : 261.0 F South L, 1413.0 F West L  
Survey Lines : 261.0 F South L, 1413.0 F West L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 261.0 F SOUTH L  
1413.0 F WEST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N  
Abstract: 344  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L  
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This well is to be drilled to an

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approximate depth of 8500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Ryan Emery, at (281)5895200.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0328709 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 2, 2021 Status/Permit No. 867324 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 23, 2021 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

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : GIBSON UNIT 28-21  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 11SH  
Lease/Unit Acres : 647.4  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 330.0  
Lease Lines : 321.0 F South L, 137.0 F West L  
Survey Lines : 321.0 F South L, 1446.0 F West L  
Wellbore Profile(s) :  
Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 321.0 F SOUTH L, 137.0 F WEST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N  
Abstract: 344  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 600.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 1920.0 F WEST L

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#10805

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37  
Case No. 0328704  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 2, 2021  
Status/Permit No. 863327  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 23, 2021  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
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Lease/Unit Well No. : 12SH  
Lease/Unit Acres : 647.4  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 330.0  
Lease Lines : 291.0 F South L, 1262.0 F West L  
Survey Lines : 261.0 F South L, 2571.0 F West L  
Wellbore Profile(s) :  
Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location

**Legals**

Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 239.0 F WEST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N  
Abstract: 344  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 1261.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 2580.0 F WEST L

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37  
Case No. 0328706  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 2, 2021  
Status/Permit No. 863329  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 23, 2021  
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
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Survey Lines : 321.0 F South L, 2602.0 F West L  
Wellbore Profile(s) :  
Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 321.0 F SOUTH L, 1293.0 F WEST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N  
Abstract: 344  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 718.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 2037.0 F EAST L

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Case No. 0328708  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 2, 2021  
Status/Permit No. 867323  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 23, 2021  
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
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Lease/Unit Acres : 647.4  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 660.0  
Lease Lines : 261.0 F South L, 134.0 F West L  
Survey Lines : 261.0 F South L, 1442.0 F West L  
Wellbore Profile(s) :  
Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 261.0 F SOUTH L, 134.0 F WEST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N  
Abstract: 344  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH

**Legals**

L, 270.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 1590.0 F WEST L

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#10804

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37  
Case No. 0328703  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 2, 2021  
Status/Permit No. 863325  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 23, 2021  
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

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Card-reading**

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 10 9 5 2  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ A 9  
♣ Q 9 3

**WEST**  
♠ 8 7 6  
♥ 9 7 6 3  
♦ Q J  
♣ 10 8 7 2

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 3  
♥ A K Q 8 5  
♦ K 10 6 5 4  
♣ 6

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1♣ 1♥ Pass 2♥  
Pass 4♥  
Opening lead — two of clubs.

the queen of spades, taken by East with the ace.  
East led a third round of clubs, ruffed by South, leaving Hamman in a position where he had already lost three tricks and West although Hamman did not yet know it — held four trumps to his three.  
Had Hamman decided to draw the opposing trumps at this stage, hoping to take the rest of the tricks on the assumption that the trumps were divided 3-2, he would have failed in his mission. Instead, he cashed the K-A of diamonds in that order, bringing forth West's Q-J.  
Hamman now had solid grounds for suspecting that the trumps were divided 4-1. West had shown up with just two diamonds, at most four clubs (he had led the deuce at trick one) and probably had three spades, judging from the earlier spade plays.  
So Hamman played dummy's spade jack at trick eight and discarded a diamond, finding the suit divided 3-3, as he had expected.  
He then cashed the ace of trump and proceeded to make the last four tricks on a crossruff, trumping dummy's 10-9 of spades with the K-Q of trump, and his 10-6 of diamonds with the J-10 of trump. In the process, West's apparently certain trump trick — which would have come into its own had Hamman drawn any more than one round of trump — simply disappeared.

**SUDOKU**

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

ANSWER:



**Legals**

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Survey Lines : 321.0 F South L, 2572.0 F West L  
Wellbore Profile(s) :  
Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 321.0 F SOUTH L  
1263.0 F WEST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N  
Abstract: 344  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
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2250.0 F WEST L

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Case No. 0328705  
DATE OF ISSUANCE:  
Feb 2, 2021  
Status/Permit No. 863328  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM,  
Feb 23, 2021  
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

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*Please thoroughly wash your hands to keep us healthy!*

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Survey Lines : 261.0 F South L, 2599.0 F West L  
Wellbore Profile(s) :  
Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
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134.0 F EAST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 21 Block: 33 T3N  
Abstract: 344  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L  
1048.0 F EAST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L  
2367.0 F EAST L

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Answer to previous puzzle

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**Stars and Hearts**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Being close always has its unique challenges, though lately more so. While you don't need any extra incentive to figure out how to be close, it adds sweetness to your journey.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Books tell one version of romance and witnessing real relationships tells another. But firsthand experience is the only way to really learn love, as the heart can't be fed on second-hand knowledge.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You become aware of the stories you tell yourself about love, how you've known it, what you expect from it, what it should look like, how it should move through your life, and more. Keep or change these according to your goals.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You have a big variety pack of love to share, a custom version for those close to you and even those in outer circles will receive something a little unique in every interaction with you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** What's important is that you move relationships forward without hesitation, overthinking beforehand or ruminating afterward. Love warriors like you lunge forward in courage and faith.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The romantic traditions are so old, no one remembers or knows exactly how they came to be or what purpose they originally served, but none of that matter now, only that they are upheld. They are the glue of the group or relationship.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Feeling safe and entirely wanted allows you to bring your whole self to love. And when this is the case in a relationship of any kind, it ignites a magic spark that makes

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**



the relationship burn brighter than the sum of its parts.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Interacting in group settings give you perspective on love and relationships, even if this comes in the form of a group video or text. You're at your most playful and attractive when performing for an audience.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Love comes alive in your world as you flex your mental and emotional muscles while fully inhabiting the moment. From a place of calm observation, you'll find and seize opportunities for connection.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Use the element of surprise as you express what's in your heart. This makes it fun for you, too. You're at your exciting best when you're kicking things up a notch.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Oh, the joy of reciprocal love! You'll get the evidence that someone loves you back. Even better will be the feeling of delivering your own evidence of love and creating just the effect you were going for.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There's much you want to do today and you can't do it all, which is good news. You can pick just the things that make your heart beat faster and set yourself up for love's thrill.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 14).** You're so attractive as you

buzz with creative energy. You'll get the resources you need to fully express a vision. The best part of this is slipping into a position to hire and help people. Your professional efforts will earn handsomely, and your amateur efforts will net a wealth of knowledge, adventure and friendship. Scorpio and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 44, 36, 28 and 11.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** When you don't know what you don't know, it's a bad position -- confidently bad, but still bad. It spouts off like a cocky teen, leads to mistakes and baits the resentment of others who can see the foolishness of a worldview that assumes the world is small enough to view, and completely comprehend, in its entirety.

When you, instead, understand and accept that there is much to learn and infinity more you will never know, it is a humble and uncomfortable position, if not downright frightening. Nonetheless, it is the position of the brave and the wise. Such a stance acknowledges the vastness of the universe, prizes curiosity and embraces the vulnerability that makes learning possible.

In these last few days of the Aquarius sun and Mercury's retrograde, take stock of what you know while fully expecting your understanding to change at any moment, maybe deepening or maybe turning itself inside out. The same goes for what you know of relationships. The conjunction of Mercury and Jupiter has us assuming knowledge we don't have and exaggerating that which we so have. It's fun, though it will be interesting to see how we feel about things when the stardust settles on the end of the week.

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**Newsday Crossword** **THEMELESS SATURDAY** by Matthew Sewell Edited by Stanley Newman [www.stanxwords.com](http://www.stanxwords.com)

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| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>DOWN</b>                |  |  |
| 1 Ill-fated Shakespearean spouse                     | 1 Cause to stagger         | 9 Music genre prefix                   | 31 Not worth                               |
| 10 Uber Eats category                                | 2 Legendary archer         | 10 Threw softly, say                   | 32 Merciless                               |
| 15 Non-mechanized, as meals                          | 3 Red alert                | 11 Sterling, for instance              | 33 Cratchit's occupation                   |
| 16 Beat guy now a Sir                                | 4 Much less than brilliant | 12 "Heaven help me!"                   | 35 County fair chorus                      |
| 17 Top for telemeetings                              | 5 Concave/convex shape     | 13 Vegan's gelatin alternative         | 38 Creepy one?                             |
| 18 Bike shoe attachment                              | 6 Debussy contemporary     | 14 Write down quickly                  | 42 Profiler's workplace                    |
| 19 Pseudoscientific subject                          | 7 Edible pearl             | 21 Attack with a crack                 | 44 Bears down on                           |
| 20 Odious  | 8 Beluga cousin            | 22 Went too far                        | 45 A better fit                            |
| 21 Overly extreme                                    |                            | 23 Presuppose                          | 46 Works at home                           |
| 22 Unstinting  |                            | 24 Something checked in a case         | 47 Nettle                                  |
| 25 Spend time relishing                              |                            | 25 Big boo-boo                         | 49 Sign of some springs                    |
| 27 Fighter who created the "Me? / Whee!" poem (1975) |                            | 26 Without obligation                  | 50 <i>Chérie femme</i>                     |
| 28 Music descended from subcontinental hymns         |                            | 29 Legendary fulfilling fellow         | 51 "1,000 cubed" starter                   |
| 31 Stakes to start                                   |                            | 30 Part of a pronunciation explanation | 53 Trans-Labrador Hwy. measure             |
| 32 Box set holders                                   |                            |  | 54 Its website has a Retirement Estimator  |
| 34 Went unchecked                                    |                            |  | 55 Word on the Middle East metropolis list |
| 36 Italian cocktail named for a painter              |                            |  |  |
| 37 Even more certain, in logic                       |                            |  |  |
| 39 Name in art repatriation debates                  |                            |  |  |
| 40 Plum kin  |                            |  |  |
| 41 Navigation abbreviation                           |                            |  |  |
| 42 Cinematographer's airborne assistant              |                            |  |  |
| 43 Roguery   |                            |  |  |
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| 48 Indicator of an unsettled slot                    |                            |  |  |

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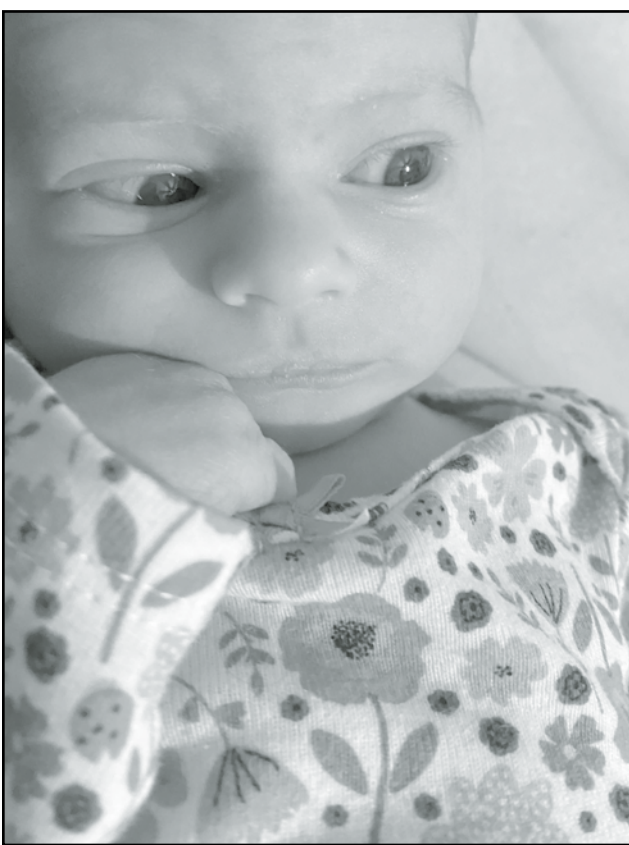
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Birth Announcement

Charlotte Anne Trent-Nichols



Andrew and Jennifer Trent-Nichols of Scurry County are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl Charlotte Anne Trent-Nichols. Baby Charlotte was born Jan. 26, 2021 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas. She weighed 5 pounds 7 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Judith Dolan Nichols of Coahoma and the late Nick Trent-Nichols. Paternal grandparents are Bill Overhulser of Jonesborough, Tennessee and the late Anne Overhulser. Great-grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Nichols of Big Spring, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Dolan of Big Spring, Texas. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Jason Crutcher of St. Louis, Illinois and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overhulser of Los Angeles, California.

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that Industrial Systems would be great for him. He has all the skills to do great things in that program." While touring the program, Collins introduced Johnson to the instructors. The introductions strengthened her belief in Johnson. "After he talked to the instructors, he was more enthusiastic about the program," she said. Johnson said instructors Daniel Diaz and Demetri Jones prepare students for the future. "They are very thorough while we are in the lab," he said. "I came in knowing some things, but I have learned so much more." Johnson said the program offers students several opportunities. "I have been learning about pumps and boilers. That is something I have not known much about," he said. "We are covering it all. We talk about it, and the instructors explain what we need to do." With different areas being covered, Johnson said students should be prepared to do one thing. "Be prepared to devote your time to this program. What we do in the lab two days a week is easy," he said. "The hard part, for me, is to take the time and commit myself to working on-line before coming here. You will need to look at all of the material."

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# Embracing the Valentine's Day feeling: Games, activities, snacks and more



Courtesy photos  
Residents were able to enjoy some Valentine festivities this past week. The week long celebration included snacks, goodies, and an array of games from ring toss, to creating door hangers and watching the duckies swim in the pool.



## VALENTINE'S DAY DINING & GIFT GUIDE

Shop these local businesses for your 2021 Valentine's gifts!

**TKP**  
the karat patch  
JEWELRY DESIGNS

**OPEN SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!**

1003 E. FM 700  
432-267-1480

Monday - Friday  
9:30 am-5:30 pm

HERALD READERS' CHOICE 2020



**icomfort**  
BY SERTA  
HYBRID

Hello carbon fiber cooling.  
Goodbye sleeping hot.

**Mitchell's**  
FURNITURE  
MATTRESS CITY

2309 Scurry Street  
Big Spring, Tx  
(432) 267-8491

**Loco Flamingos**

*Big Spring's Best Kept Secret!*  
Valentine's Day is right around the corner, come to **Loco Flamingos** for your Unique Gifts!

1912 Scurry St. (432) 213-1147

*Buy Her A Gift That's Dazzling!*

Gift Baskets & more! Same Day Personalized Gifts

DAZZLING DECOR

♥ Mariana, Sparkle Life & Ronaldo Jewelry ♥ Coton Colors Happy Everything  
♥ Voluspa Candles ♥ Jon Hart Bags - In Store Monogramming  
♥ Consuela Bags ♥ Corkcicles ♥ Chocolates  
♥ Lots of Bath Bombs, Soaps & Lotions ♥ And Much More!

1304 Scurry (432) 264-6000

**Faye's Flowers**  
Everything you need for your special someone!

- Valentines Bouquets
- Unique Gifts
- Home Decor
- Candy & Delicious Snacks & Much More!

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**The Jewelers**  
"Come See Betty & Greg!"

Take advantage of our 2021 Valentine's Day Sale!

24k Gold Plated Roses: Now Only **\$99.00**

Sterling Silver Heart Necklaces: Starting At Only **\$59.00**

(432) 267-6335  
Located inside the Spring Town Plaza Mall

BIG SPRING **HERALD**

www.bigspringherald  
710 Scurry St.  
432-263-7331

*Give the perfect gift this Valentine's Day!*

- \* Gifts \* Bouquets
- \* Snack Baskets
- \* Prices for any budget!

**Inspirations Floral Boutique**  
www.Bigspringflowers.com

1410 Scurry St (432) 263-8323