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10% chance of rain
Saturday and Sunday

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind around 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Fourth of July: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History
On July 2-3

1776: The Continental Congress adopts a resolution severing ties with the Kingdom of Great Britain although the wording of the formal Declaration of Independence is not published until July 4.

Daily Quotes

“Everything becomes a little different as soon as it is spoken out loud.”
— *Hermann Hesse*

“Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on.”
— *Thurgood Marshall*

“I may be going to Heaven or Hell, but I’m going from Jackson.”
— *Medgar Evers*

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TEA announces 2022 grades 3-8 STAAR results
Results show improvements across the board, with significant gains in reading

MATHEMATICS					
Grade	Performance	Spring 2019	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	
3	Approaches	78%	61%	70%	↑
	Meets	47%	29%	41%	
	Masters	24%	14%	20%	
4	Approaches	74%	58%	68%	↑
	Meets	46%	34%	41%	
	Masters	27%	21%	22%	
5	Approaches	83%	69%	75%	↑
	Meets	55%	42%	45%	
	Masters	35%	24%	23%	
6	Approaches	79%	66%	72%	↑
	Meets	45%	34%	37%	
	Masters	20%	14%	15%	
7	Approaches	73%	54%	59%	↑
	Meets	41%	25%	29%	
	Masters	16%	11%	12%	
8	Approaches	81%	60%	69%	↑
	Meets	55%	35%	38%	
	Masters	16%	10%	13%	

READING					
Grade	Performance	Spring 2019	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	
3	Approaches	75%	66%	75%	↑
	Meets	43%	37%	50%	
	Masters	27%	19%	30%	
4	Approaches	73%	62%	76%	↑
	Meets	43%	35%	52%	
	Masters	21%	17%	28%	
5	Approaches	77%	72%	80%	↑
	Meets	51%	45%	56%	
	Masters	28%	30%	36%	
6	Approaches	66%	61%	69%	↑
	Meets	35%	31%	42%	
	Masters	17%	14%	22%	
7	Approaches	74%	68%	78%	↑
	Meets	47%	44%	54%	
	Masters	28%	25%	36%	
8	Approaches	77%	72%	82%	↑
	Meets	53%	45%	56%	
	Masters	27%	21%	36%	

Special to the Herald

On Friday, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released spring 2022 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) results for Grades 3-8. The results include exams in mathematics and reading for grades 3-8, 5th and 8th grade science, and 8th

grade social studies. This year’s STAAR results show across-the-board improvements in all grades and subjects from 2021, with significant gains in reading.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said of the results, “The investments that the state is making in reading academies and accelerated instruction are clearly paying dividends for

our students, and the results are a testament to the hard work of teachers across our state. While we still have much work to do to recover from COVID-related learning loss in mathematics, the improvements our students have made in reading are clear.”

Several pieces of legislation passed in recent years have focused on improving academic support programs for Texas

students in both reading and math: House Bill 3, passed in 2019, established a requirement for all K-3 educators to participate in reading academies, built around evidence-based reading practices.

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Beck named Rotarian of the Year
Scott claims Big Spring Rotary’s Ralphie Award



Courtesy photo

Marisha Beck was presented with the Rotarian of the Year award during the joint installation on Thursday evening.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Contributing Writer

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club and Big Spring Rotary held a joint installation dinner on Thursday evening at Moss Creek Ranch. This is the second year the two clubs have come together to recognize the past year’s achievements and take part in changing of the guard together.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club recognized Dr. Marisha Beck as Rotarian of the Year, during the installation. Each year, members vote on which Rotarian best exemplifies services above

self over the past year.

Beck was nominated for Rotarian of the Year based on her involvement with numerous activities this past year. She was in charge of fundraising this past year and was a major player in the Pints for Polio annual event. The event this year raised \$55,000 to help in the fight against polio. In addition to fundraising efforts, Beck has been involved in all of the service projects the club undertook including Literacy Reading Project at Washington,

See **ROTARY**, Page 3A

SMMC, Big Spring Center to distribute fans July 5



Courtesy photo

Christy Brownfield, Marketing Director at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care is pictured with the fans that were collected during last year’s fan drive. This year’s fans will be distributed on July 5 beginning at 1 p.m. in front of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Contributing Writer

Temperatures have been high this summer, conditions are dry, but through the efforts of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, community residents can have a little bit of air flowing to cool things down. The two businesses have been collecting fans, as part of an annual fan drive, and will distribute those fans to those in need on July 5 from 1 p.m. until fans are gone.

"Fans will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis and will be limited to one fan per family," April Arms, Executive Assistant at Scenic Mountain Medical Center said.

According to Christy Brownfield with Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, this is an event that was started a few years ago in hopes of providing some much needed relief to local families dealing with summer heat. Over the past several weeks community members, local businesses and organizations have stepped up and provided fans to help with this distribution and now it is time for local families to receive that benefit and cool

See **FANS**, Page 3A

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Obituaries

Isidora Rodriquez Morphis



Isidora Rodriquez Morphis, 75, passed away on Friday, June 24, 2022, in Big Spring, Texas.

Isidora was born August 13, 1946, to Facundo and Soledad Rodriquez. Isidora was a life-long resident of the Howard County, Texas, area.

Isidora was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Big Spring, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Frank Burton Morphis; her parents, Facundo and Soledad Rodriquez; her in-laws, Vernoy and Lula Mae Morphis; and one sister, Maria Lownes.

She is survived by her children, Mary Jane Bright and her husband, Rob, of Fort Ashby, W.V.; Louis Robert Salazar and his wife, Martha, of Big Spring; and Frank Anthony Morphis and his wife, Elizabeth, of Flower Mound, Texas; five grandchil-

dren, Nicole Bright, Louis R Salazar Jr, Marisa Salazar, Matthew Salazar and Joshua Morphis; one great-grandson, Lucas Salazar; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her sisters, Lasara Ontiveros and Eloisa Gonzales; and her brothers, Ruben and Martin Rodriquez.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in memory of Isidora. The church mailing address is: PO Box 951, Big Spring, TX 79721.

A rosary will be held at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn Street, Big Spring, Texas. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery in Coahoma, Texas.

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

Paid obituary

Betty Lou Roman



Betty Lou Roman, 77, of Midland, formerly of Stanton, passed away Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Betty was born February 8, 1945, in Lamesa, Texas, to Oneta (Hayes) and Opal Langston. She was a long-time resident of Martin County.

Betty married Elbert Lee Roman III on September 2, 1965, in Lenorah, Texas. She was a fantastic cook and loved to sew and bake. She taught for many years in the computer lab and

was also a teacher's aide. She retired from Klondike ISD and had also worked in the ASCS offices in Lamesa and Big Spring.

Betty is survived by her son, Chris Roman and wife, Paula; her daughter Lori Roman Dombrowski and husband, Mark; and her sister Glenda Gonzales and husband, Manuel; three grandsons, Zach, Jeremy and Tim Anderson; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Lee on May 26, 2020.

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

Paid obituary

Sheriff

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

Note – Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 94 inmates at the time of this report

- **CHAD DANIEL DEAX**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of expired drivers license.
- **ANN JANICE LINK**, 31, was arrested by BSPD

on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram, possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **JOSE A. MORAN JR**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram less than 4 grams, failure to appear, wanted out of pardon and parole.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.
- Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.
- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

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 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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



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Take Note

- The 53rd Annual Highland South Fourth of July Parade will be at 10 a.m. July 4. The parade will begin at the intersection of Highland and Goliad streets and proceed eastward on Highland. For more information contact Amanda Parker at 806-773-1936 or René Beall at 432-517-2041.
- Homecoming for Big Spring High School is set for September 9 and 10, 2022. The class of 1962 is celebrating its 60th anniversary and is looking for missing classmates, listed below. Please send names, addresses and/or contact information to: Susan Zack Lewis at ts@crcom.net
Jimmie Atkins, Cecil Baker, Elnora Baker, Joretta Barnes, Idalina Barraza, Alice Bedwell, , Kenneth Billings, Cal Boardman, Bill Bonner, Gayle Bratcher, Leahmon Bryant, Joe Cagle, Kay Carter, Mildred Cawthron, Janice Chandler, Clementeen Chatman, Charles Clay, Sue Cole, Suzanne Compton, Ronnie Cox, Larry Deighton, Rexie Denton, Ann Drinkard Sinclair, Lonnie Evans, Paula Faubion, Owen Frost, Lana Fulbright, Margaret Fuller, Yolanda Gamboa, David Garcia, Richard Gibbs, James Gilbert, Norma Graves, Thomas Green, Gloria Greenwood, Edith Gregory, Michael Halverson, Jan Hamilton, Gerald Harrison, Preston Harrison, Sam Hartfield, Don Heath, Billie Henderson, Jerry Henderson, Clarence Henkell, Roger Henry, Rosemary Herrera, Jimmy Hinds, Connie Hinojos, Caroline Holder, Virginia Houchin, Claudie Horn, Ronnie Jeter, Diane Jones, Nancy Jones, Karen Kendrick, Carey King, Rick King, R.C. Knightstep, Jimmy Knous, Ola Mae Lane, Tommy Leslie, Caroline Lewis, Peggy Lewis, Pat Martin, Ed Martinez, Ernest Mata, Dorinda Medford, Ray Minks, Donald Mitchell, Cruz Montanez, Jerry Moore, Virginia Morris, Harold Morrison, Linda Morton, Carol McCullough, Virginia McKee, Bettie McPherson, Betty McWhorter, Skipper Neill, Rita Nelson, Sandra Nichols, Sandra Nixon, Margaret Oliver, Shirley Osborn, Linda Page, Judy Parker, Dexter Pate, Judy Pate, Gene Patton, Johnny Paul, Greg Peay, Elton Perkins, Iva Mae Perkins, Jim Pierce, Bobby Prior, Mary Puga, Claudia Richardson, Winnora Richbourgh, Teresa Rocha, Mary Roger, George Ryan, Carolyn Seago, Carla Smauley, Chap Smith, Chester Smith, Danna Smith, Wyetta Smith, Marcus Sweatt, Jimmy Thomas, Robert Thomas, Perry Thompson, Guadalupe Tovar, Earlene Trantham, Margaret Turnbow, Jan Turney, Leola Vance, Leonilda Webb, Richard West, Lynda Whiteside, Troy Wilhite, Diane Womack, Margaret York, Jeri Cain.
- Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.
- The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.



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STAAR

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House Bill 1525, passed in 2021, launched Texas COVID-19 Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS), which provided districts with \$1.4B in learning acceleration services and grants for strategic planning, instructional materials, teacher pipelines, more instructional time, and innovative school models.

House Bill 4545, also passed in 2021, provides targeted tutoring for the students who need it most—thirty hours of additional instruction for each test a student did not meet grade level on.

State policy changed one aspect of STAAR testing this year. Per HB 4545, which passed during the 87th Legislative Session, the 5th and 8th grade promotion requirement associated with STAAR was eliminated so there are no longer any high-stakes for elementary and middle school students taking the STAAR. School systems, however, may have local policies related to how students are promoted to the next grade or retained.

Next year, more changes will be coming to the STAAR. TEA will be implementing changes from House Bill 3906 (86R), which requires the STAAR test to be redesigned to better align with classroom instruction. The STAAR will also transition to a full online administration. Writing will also be assessed as part of the reading/language arts assessment in grades 3-8 for the first time. These changes

ROTARY

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annual fishing tournament and helped serve at meetings when needed.

"I was so humbled and honored to receive Rotarian of the Year. I am blessed to be able to serve alongside the best folks in this community. This community of people is one reason our family planted roots in Howard County. I look forward to the 2022-2023 Rotary year and am excited to be the chair for community service," Marisha Beck said.

The equivalent in the Big Spring Rotary Club is the presentation of "The Ralphie", which is a bolo tie with Rotary International on it. This year's recipient was Anna Scott in recognition of her above and beyond service with the Rotary Club.

"Each year the outgoing President awards an award we call the Ralphie Award - named after Ralph McLaughlin, former Rotarian and businessman of Big Spring. The recipient is bestowed with a silver and turquoise bola tie with the Rotary wheel as the center brooch that reads Rotary International. This bola tie was worn by Ralph for many years and is passed from Rotarian to Rotarian to proudly wear until the next award winner is named," Dana Johnson, outgoing president for Big Spring Rotary, said.

According to Johnson, Ralph lived a large and colorful life. He

FANS

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down a bit in spite of the high temperatures.

"We want to make sure that we are able to help the most families that we can through this process, which is why we want to limit one fan per family, but we also hope that this will provide some much needed help to those who are struggling to keep cool this summer," Brownfield said.

"Temperatures have been extremely high

aim to improve student engagement and reduce teaching to the test. These changes will fully take effect in spring 2023.

Both federal and state laws require school systems to offer end-of-year assessments like the STAAR. State law requires that students take the assessment. Additionally, STAAR fulfills the federal requirements as established in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Laws have been adopted at both the state and federal level as evidence shows that using common assessments aligned to rigorous state standards helps improve the quality of education students receive. Similarly, data shows that without a common statewide system to determine student mastery, certain groups of students disproportionately received educational opportunities that were consistently at a lower rigor level than their peers.

In June 2022, the Agency released this year's STAAR EOC assessment results, which showed progress in the three tests that saw a decline during COVID-19. In these three tests, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History, Texas student performance in the "meets grade level" category improved. As the percentage of high school students meeting grade level is moving closer to pre-pandemic levels, these improvements are a welcome sign that Texas students are moving in the right direction in their post-pandemic academic recovery. In the two tests that did not show a negative impact from COVID-19, English I and English II, results stayed

served as President of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring ISD school trustee, a member of the Big Spring City Council and Mayor pro-tem. He's also served as a long time director of Vista Bank. Ralph was President of the Big Spring Rotary Club in 1960, Rotary District Governor in 1975-76 and International Director from 1991 to 1993, as well as serving on several committees and as the Rotary President's representative - which allowed he and his wife, Billye, to travel and see other countries through the eyes of dignitaries and other prominent people all over the world.

Ralph's son Scott McLaughlin was also a Rotarian and both were the instrumental leaders in forming the second Rotary club (known as the "Friday club") here in town.

Ralph's life exemplified the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Therefore, each year a Rotarian is selected that exemplifies the same qualities... who goes above and beyond for the club, and truly lives the Rotary Four Way Test ... 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Outgoing president for Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Najam Hasan turned over the gavel to new President Jay McWilliams as Big Spring Rotary Outgoing President Dana Johnson handed over the gavel to incoming President Nolan Dominguez. The newly installed Presidents will be leading their first meeting this coming week.

and the lack of rain is not helping matters, but through the generous hearts in our community we are able to do something to help alleviate those temperatures inside homes."

The fans will be distributed on July 5 at the Deidra Whatley building, in front of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Those attending for the distribution are asked to enter the parking lot from Martin Luther King Boulevard and utilize the parking lot surrounding the building.

"We truly do appreciate all those who have helped by donating a fan. This may

largely consistent from last school year.

To Learn More

TEA conducted additional analysis on this year's data as part of an enhanced due diligence process. More information on that process, and more information about all state-level results can be found at: <http://tea.texas.gov/staar/rpt/sum>.

Parents are encouraged to log in and learn more about their child's results by going to TexasAssessment.gov. Parents can view a variety of resources and assessment components, including each STAAR question and answer—along with their child's answers. The website also provides resources designed to help parents adequately prepare their sons and daughters as they progress from grade level to grade level. Resources include tools to support a student's ability to read and write, as well as tips and questions to help prepare for parent-teacher conferences in the 2022-23 school year.

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Cheryl Ruth, 65, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Janus Cavin, 86, died Friday. A celebration of her life Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Isidora Morphis, 75, died Friday. Vigil service Tuesday at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. A memorial service Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 10 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Rosa Gamboa, 86, died Saturday. A celebration of Rosa's life will be Saturday, July 16, 2022 by Zoom.

Lonnie Grice, 97, died Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Graveside service Friday, July 15, 2022 at 10 AM at Trinity Memorial Park.

Nina Hunter, 86, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund as been established to assist the family with funeral expenses.

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• Everyone welcome! Western swing by Michael Leonard. New Life mature adult dance at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

The last dance for the summer will be this Friday, June 17 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Bring snacks to share. Refreshments are provided. For more information call 432 517-9097.

• Ready for Home School or individualized education in school? Maranatha Baptist Academy, located at 903 Johnson Street, in Big Spring, Texas, is currently open and taking applications for enrollment for the 2022-23 School year.

We are a faith-based Christian Academy and use the individualized Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum for Kindergarten through 12th grade, published in Hendersonville, Tennessee. July 20 is our startup date, and applications will be accepted year-round.

Someone will take your call for information at 432-213-1046. Please leave a message and we will get back with you.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community.

If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 432-263-5999.

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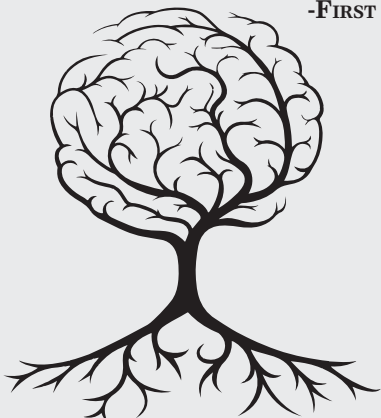
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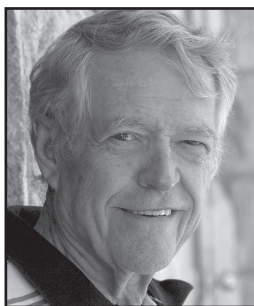
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The Wildest, Craziest Cellist

He wallows around in the dirt, jumps flatfooted from the ground to a table 4 feet high, makes guttural sounds and all kinds of strange and scary faces,



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

acts like he has just escaped from the asylum and does all this while playing his cello, sometimes with a bow, sometimes strumming it like a guitar. He is a cross between Weird Al Yankovic, Jerry Lewis and Jim Carey but realistically they can't match his ultimate exercises in self-expression. He lives in Carmel, California and performs his strange antics all over the country. He spends a lot of time in Texas, recently performing at the Folkmusic Festival in Kerrville. His name is Rushad Eggleston.

I saw him in the patio behind the French Company Store in Marathon. He was already into his act when I arrived and I sat close because I was hearing some interesting sounds and wanted to record them. The patio's floor is made of pea gravel and there are half a dozen picnic tables for the audience. A concession stand offered food and drink. The interesting sounds I was hearing were coming from a cello. A series of foot-controlled devices took sounds from the cello and changed them into all sorts of shrieks and rumbles. Sometimes he played a kazoo attached to the top of the cello.

When I first sat down I thought he was wearing some sort of flesh-colored shirt. But what I was seeing was real flesh. He had no shirt, just a couple of Mardi Gras beads around his neck. He wore pajama pants and tennis shoes. A train roared by and blew its whistle so he stroked his bow across the strings and made the sound of a train. He is one creative individual and a trained classical cellist. He studied at the Berklee School of Music in Boston (full scholarship).

He started his crazy stuff when he was with a folk band and jumped off the stage during a performance, still playing the guitar (he plays that and violin). The audience and his fellow band members didn't know what to think and that sort of excited him. He did some similar stuff with bands and finally started doing his solo act.

I interviewed this talented crazy person after his show in Marathon. "There were about 70 people in the audience when I started," he said. "About half of them left after about 15 minutes. I guess they couldn't stand the crazy stuff. But the audience grew the longer I played and people were very receptive." He is a wild man. He jumps on tables where people are sitting and sings, plays, makes faces and prances around. "People laugh and smile and seem to get some sense of relief and freedom and I think it makes them feel good. I'm kind of a stress reliever."

Sometimes during his act he'll play a little classical music with his bow. Then he'll drop the bow, pick up a cowboy hat and start doing a parody of a popular country song. Once he put a bucket on a table where people were sitting, jumped up on the table, kicked the bucket and fell down pretending to be dead. Never a dull moment.

The Supreme Court has curtailed EPA's power to regulate carbon pollution – and sent a warning to other regulators

By **PATRICK PARENTEAU**
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In a highly anticipated but not unexpected 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court ruled on June 30, 2022, that the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's authority under the Clean Air Act.

The ruling doesn't take away the EPA's power to regulate carbon emissions from power plants, but it makes federal action harder by requiring the agency to show that Congress has charged it to act – in an area where Congress has consistently failed to act.

The Clean Power Plan, the policy at the heart of the ruling, never took effect because the court blocked it in 2016, and the EPA now plans to develop a new policy instead. Nonetheless, the court went out of its way to strike it down in this case and reject the agency's interpretation of what the Clean Air Act permitted.

Having said what the EPA cannot do, the court gave no guidance on what the agency can do about this urgent problem. Beyond climate policy, the ruling poses serious questions about how the court will view other regulatory programs.

Remaking the electricity sector

The Clean Power Plan would have set targets for each state to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from electric power plants. Utilities could meet these targets by improving efficiency at existing coal-fired power plants and by "generation shifting" – producing more power from natural gas and renewable sources like wind and solar.

In the EPA's view, this sectorwide shift to cleaner sources represented the "best system of emission reduction," a statutory term in the 1970 Clean Air Act. Coal companies and Republican-led states contended that the changes the agency envisioned exceeded its authority.

Chief Justice John Roberts framed the issue as a "major question," a doctrine that the court has invoked in only a handful of cases. It holds that agencies may not regulate on questions of "vast economic or political significance" without clear directions from Congress.

In the most prominent example, in 2000 the court invalidated the Food and Drug Administration's attempt to regulate tobacco. The ruling held that this had never been part of the agency's mission, no law gave the FDA clear authority over tobacco, and Congress had not directed the FDA to take such action.

The major question doctrine

builds on a more established but increasingly disfavored principle of administrative law, Chevron deference, which requires courts to defer to an agency's reasonable interpretation of an ambiguous statute. In my view, however, the Supreme Court is using the major question doctrine to take on authority to decide what Congress meant, without regard to the agency's expert views or policy judgments.

A rebuke to EPA

In one sense, the majority opinion is fairly narrow. As Roberts writes: "[T]he only interpretive question before us, and the only one we answer, is ... whether the 'best system of emission reduction' identified by EPA in the Clean Power Plan was within the authority" of section 111 (d) of the Clean Air Act.

The majority's answer was no.

Citing its ruling in a 2014 air pollution case, the court said that the EPA's interpretation of "best system of emission reduction" amounted to a "claim to discover in a long-extant statute an unheralded power" representing a "transformative expansion in its regulatory authority." Essentially, the majority found that the EPA had proposed a sweeping national makeover of the electric power industry.

Roberts characterized section 111 (d) as a "backwater" provision of the Clean Air Act that had never been used to adopt a rule as broad and with such "vast economic and political consequences" as the Clean Power Plan.

Although West Virginia and the others who sued argued that the EPA had no authority to regulate emissions "beyond the fenceline" of individual plants, the Court did not constrain the agency that tightly. Roberts also noted that the EPA's authority was not limited to plant-specific technological controls. This suggests that the court is leaving the door open for some regulation beyond the fenceline.

In a lengthy and acerbic dissent, Justice Elena Kagan, joined by Justices Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor, argued that the text, context, history and purpose of the Clean Air Act, as well as common sense and the scientific imperative of dealing with climate change, supported the EPA's position. "The Court appoints itself – instead of Congress or the expert agency – the decisionmaker on climate policy. I cannot think of many things more frightening," Kagan concluded.

Putting regulators on notice

What can the EPA do now? Its options appear limited. The agency can require existing coal-

fired plants to operate more efficiently, but that would extend the plants' useful lives, with negative effects on nearby communities from pollutants that the plants emit.

Theoretically, the EPA could require every coal-fired power plant to install carbon capture and storage technology. This is the kind of technological control that the agency has long required for air pollution sources. But the costs, especially for retrofitting existing plants, are prohibitive, and utilities would surely challenge the technology as not "adequately demonstrated," as required by section 111 (d).

Another option would be to require retrofitting coal plants to allow co-firing with natural gas – burning a mix of these fuels, as some plants already do. But relying on natural gas brings its own problems, including methane leaks from wells and pipelines. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas and a major driver of short-term climate warming.

Market conditions are shifting electricity production away from coal and toward cleaner, more cost-effective sources like wind and solar. Indeed, the Clean Power Plan's original goal of reducing the electric power sector's carbon emissions by 32% below 2005 levels by 2030 has already been exceeded. But this transition is not moving as quickly as climate science suggests is necessary to avoid catastrophic impacts from warming.

Broader impacts

Beyond climate policy, I expect this ruling to affect how the EPA and other regulatory agencies interpret laws that have been on the books for many years. Regulators may shy away from advancing policies that the court could view as marked departures from past interpretations and actions with big economic and political consequences.

For example, the Securities and Exchange Commission recently proposed a new rule to require publicly traded companies to provide more robust disclosure of the financial risks that climate change poses to their balance sheets.

The agency is also moving to more vigorously police greenwashing by companies claiming to be committed to a net-zero carbon future.

In my view, it is clear that the U.S. has entered a new era of administrative law, with an activist court asserting its power to curtail what it perceives as the excesses of regulatory agencies – and not always waiting for those agencies to complete their work.

Big Spring's Joshua Miramontes earns All-State baseball honors



Courtesy photos

Above, Big Spring's Joshua Miramontes was recently selected to the THSBCA 4A All-State 3rd team. Players that are selected are first nominated and are then reviewed by coaches across the entire State of Texas. Joshua is one out of six shortstops that was selected out of a little over 200 4A Texas high school baseball programs. Congratulations to Joshua Miramontes on earning All-State honors!

By **PATRICK GONZALES**

Herald Sports Writer

The Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association announced its 2022 All-State teams on Thursday.

Big Spring's Joshua Miramontes who was a four year varsity starter for the Steers baseball program and played shortstop, was selected to the THSBCA 4A All-State 3rd team.

All players that are selected are first nominated and are reviewed by coaches from all over the state for consideration.

There are a little over 200 4A high school baseball teams in Texas and for Joshua to be one out of the six best shortstops selected in the entire state is a huge honor.

Joshua is the first player to receive this honor since the mid 90's, but if

you've followed or have seen him play then you know that the honor is well deserving. "Congratulations to #5 on being named to the Class 4A All State Baseball team! Joshua earned every bit of this and all of Steer Nation should be proud" former Steer head baseball coach Brad Harmon said.

Throughout his high school career Joshua was a varsity starter all 4 years year. In addition to being a starter all four years of high school, he was named to the All-District 1st team each of his 4 years.

He also led his team to two District and Bi-District championships while at Big Spring. During the 2021 season, Miramontes was named Defensive MVP. This past season, Miramontes was named the 2022 the Offensive MVP while also helping to lead the Steers win a share of the District 3-4A title.

Congratulations to Joshua Miramontes for all of your hard work and for receiving All-State honors. It is well deserved!

Second Time Around

By **STEVE BELVIN**

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ONE IS GOOD, THE OTHER SIMPLY GREAT!

Was talking to one of my friends and he asks me "What ever happened to that guy Jeremy Stallings from Stanton? He was all that in high school but never lived up to the hype in college." I had to correct him. Jeremy Stallings was all that and a bag of chips.

Jeremy Stallings ran track for Stanton in the early 90's where he won a total of four state championships from his sophomore to senior years. Stallings had the fastest high school 800 meter time in the nation back in 1993 with a time of 1:49.34. My friend told me he was just using Stallings as a measuring stick for the rising star and former Midland High and Kansas 800 meter runner, Bryce Hoppel. To be honest, what both Stallings and Hoppel have accomplished in their track careers will pose a daunting feat for anyone from this area to measure up too!

After high school, Stallings went on to the University of Florida, where just this year both the men and women's track teams won 2022 Outdoor NCAA national titles in track. At Florida he ran a personal best of 1:47.57s. Stallings also competed in the 1996 Olympic Trials. To say the very least Stallings was a very good half miler.

Hoppel, on the other hand, is greatness. The 24-year old is on top of the track world. Currently on a hot streak, Hoppel has won seven out of a total eleven races. Most recently he won the gold medal at the U.S. Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore. this past weekend. Hoppel's next quest for the gold will be at the World Championships in a couple of weeks. Hoppel, one of the toughest 800

meter runners to beat in the current world track circles, has a career best time of 1:43.23.

Hoppel has won two U.S. indoor titles, won the prestigious indoor Millrose Games in New York and holds the American record in the 1000 meters... well you get the point by now. So to my friend, now you have the full story. One was good, the other is great, either way they both make this part of Texas look really good!

LAST HURRAH FOR THE TRACK G.O.A.T

While we're on the subject of track, Allyson Felix the greatest of all time in women's track, will be hanging up her spikes this year.

Felix who is now 36 will be retiring after this season ending a decorated 19 year career. Felix started her illustrious professional career two decades ago as a high schooler out of Los Angeles. What she has accomplished is legendary to say the very least.

Throughout her career Felix has amassed 30 medals in both the Olympic Games and World Championships. Twenty three of those medals were gold. She started off her career running the 100 and 200 meters.

Later on in her career, Felix transitioned herself to running the 400 meters. Perhaps my most favorite memory of Felix was seeing her run a 47.72 third leg on the USA 1600 relay team at the World Games in 2015. The only two runners to ever run faster were from Czechoslovakia and Germany. They ran in the 1980's when blood doping was being used by a majority of the Eastern Bloc countries.

Felix recently finished sixth in the 400 meters at the U.S. Track and Field Championships. There's been talk that she may still compete in the World championship as a member of the women's U.S. 1600 relay team. It will be a very fitting end to a

great career.

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

The U.S. track ranks are looking good in the upcoming years with an abundance of young rising talent. Look at Kentucky's Abby Steiner. Steiner, a dynamic 21-year-old, just recently ran the world's fastest time in the 200 meters (21.77) at the U.S. Track and Field Championships. To be honest she could also be a dominant figure in the 400. At the 2022 NCAA Track and Field National Championships, I watched her get the baton 30 meters out of the lead and ended up coming from behind to put her team in first place by five meters. Steiner's third leg time was in the 48s.

Then there's 18-year-old Erriyon Knighton out of Florida. Knighton, another young rising track star, will represent Team USA at the World Championships in July after finishing second in the 200 meters at U.S. Track and Field Championships. Knighton has run a personal best of 19.49 in the 200 meters, the fastest in the world this year.

How about 21-year-old Randall Ross in the 400 meters? 19 year old Talitha Diggs, another up and coming women's 400 meters runner. Reigning Women's 800 meter Olympic Champion, Athing Mu is 19 and is headed to the World Championships as well.

How can we forget about 22 year old Sydney McLaughlin, who just broke her own 400 meter hurdles world record at the U.S. Track and Field Championships. Last but not least, Texas A&M 800 meter runner Brandon Miller (20), who also happens to be Mu's boyfriend. All of these youngsters will be competing at the World Championships in Eugene, Ore July 15-24. All I have to say is that it's going to be interesting!

Astros' Tucker tries to steal home amid PitchCom malfunction

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

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HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's Kyle Tucker was thrown out Thursday night when he tried to steal home while New York Yankees starter Luis Severino tinkered with his malfunctioning PitchCom device.

Alex Bregman had just hit a two-run double to put Houston up 2-0 and Tucker was on third with two outs in the third inning.

With Yuli Gurriel at-bat, a frustrated Severino took off his cap and held

the PitchCom speaker to his ear, apparently unable to hear instructions from catcher Jose Trevino.

"It was working good and then it got loud and ... it didn't work," Severino said.

Tucker saw Severino was distracted and tried to sneak home.

Severino had the PitchCom earpiece in his right hand and had to quickly maneuver to get the baseball back in his throwing hand.

He threw home while still holding his cap, and his throw narrowly beat Tucker and ended the inning.

"I saw him when he was like half-way, but nobody's faster than the ball," Severino said.

Severino was asked about making the throw while holding the device and his cap.

"I'm very good with my hands," he said with a laugh.

Yankees manager Aaron Boone raved about the heads-up play.

"Sevy didn't panic and reacted the right way and made the play," he said.

Houston manager Dusty Baker thought it was a good chance for Tucker to take.

"If he throws that ball any kind of way errantly he's safe," Baker said. "I urge our guys to play aggressively and I thought he still had a chance to be safe. ... That was a bold play that almost worked."

The PitchCom digital pitch-calling devices, which transmit signals from the catcher to the pitcher, were introduced to the majors this season.

The system was designed to halt sign stealing in the wake of the Astros' 2017 scandal.

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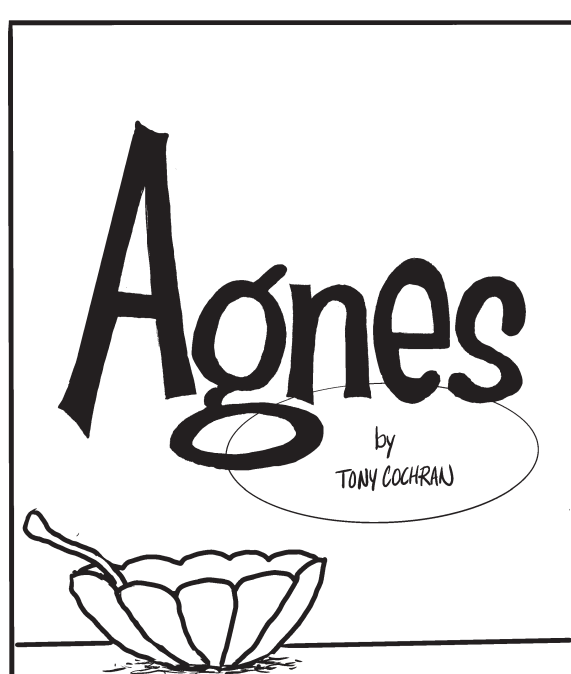
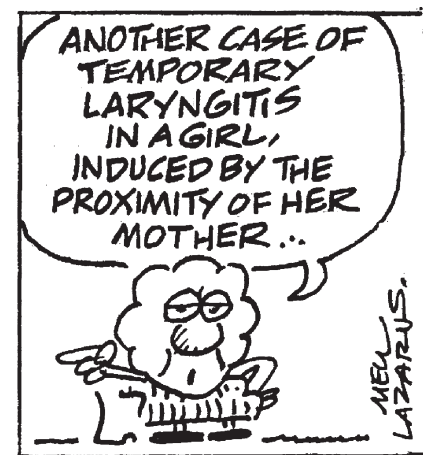
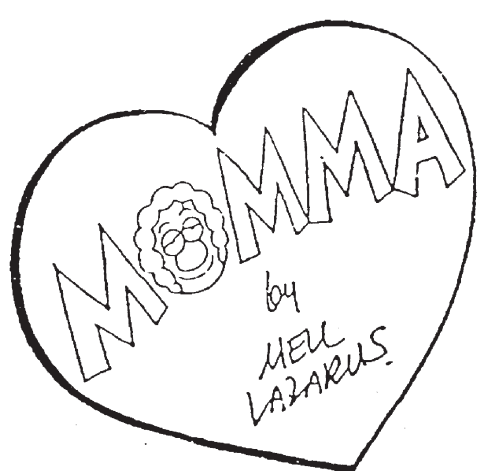
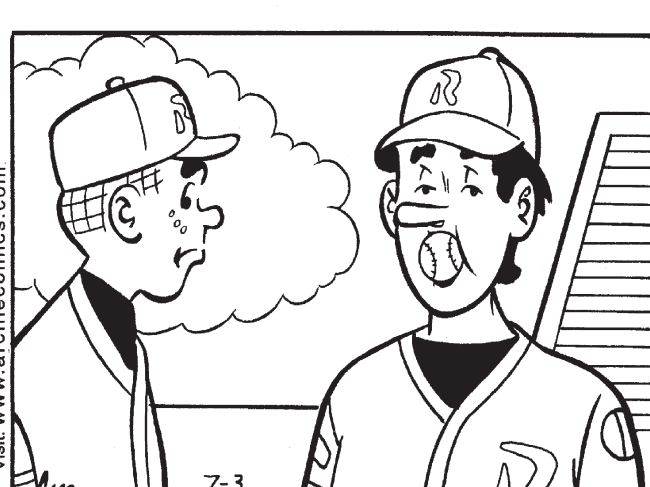
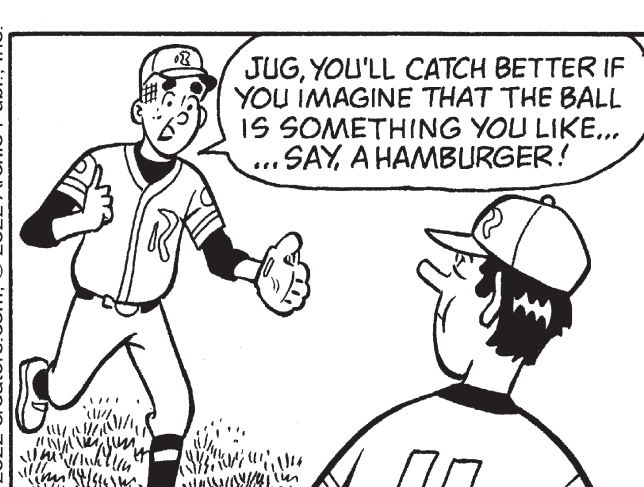
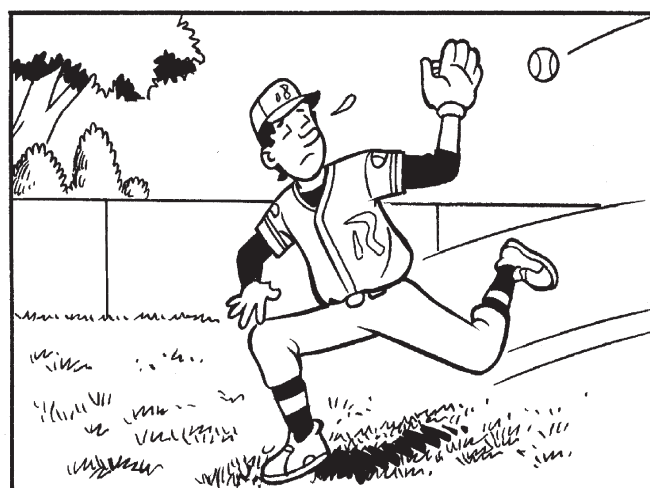
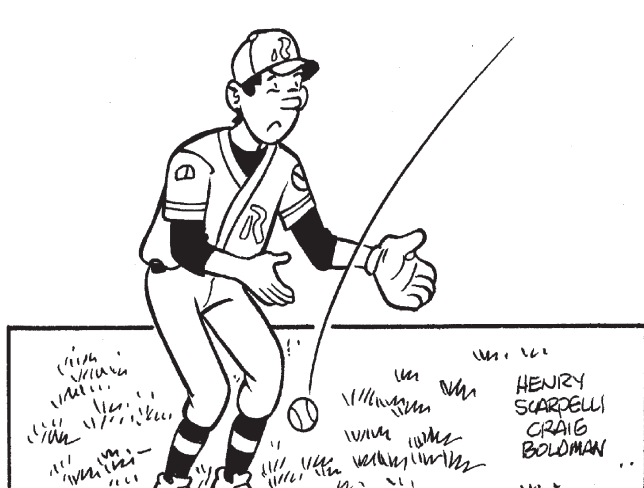
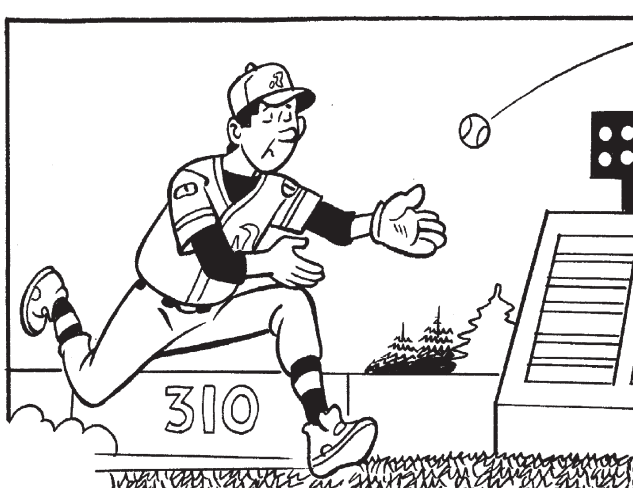
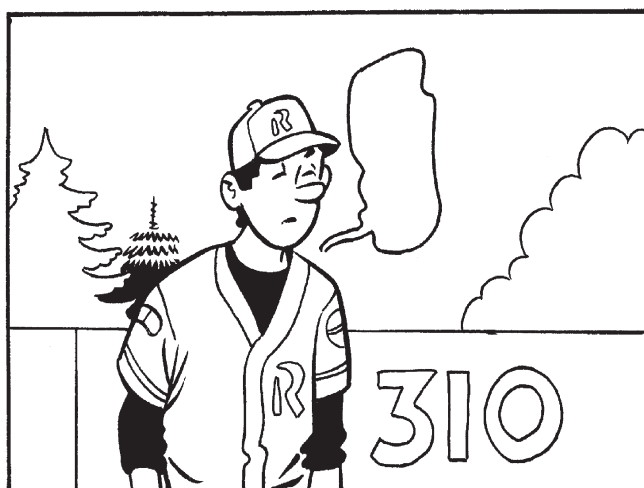
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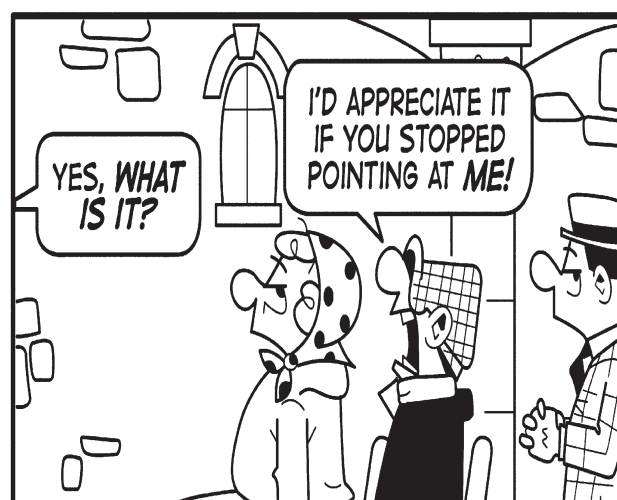
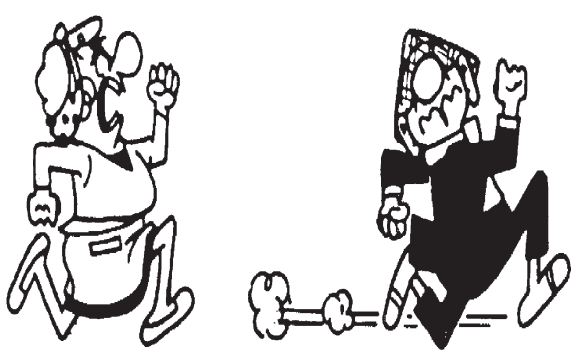
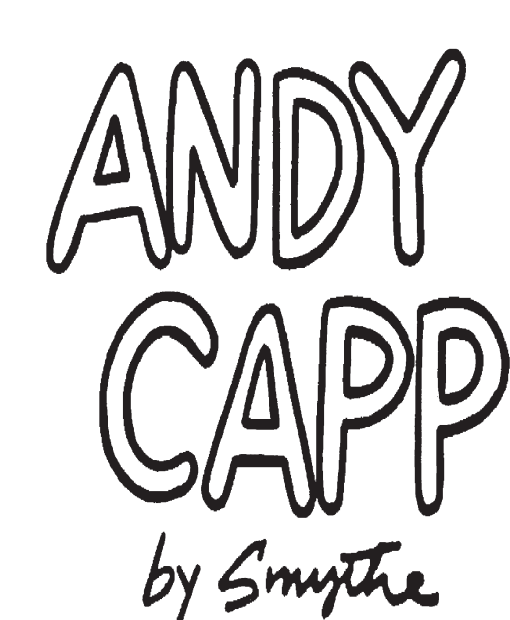
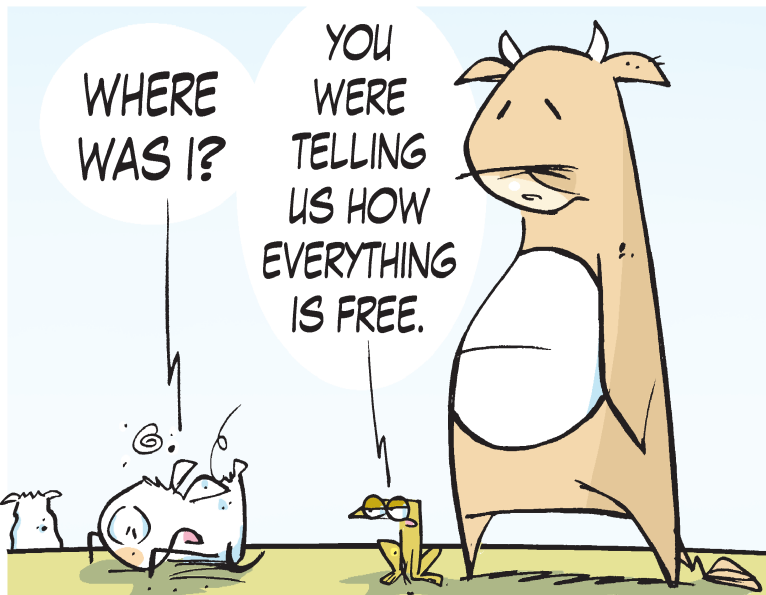
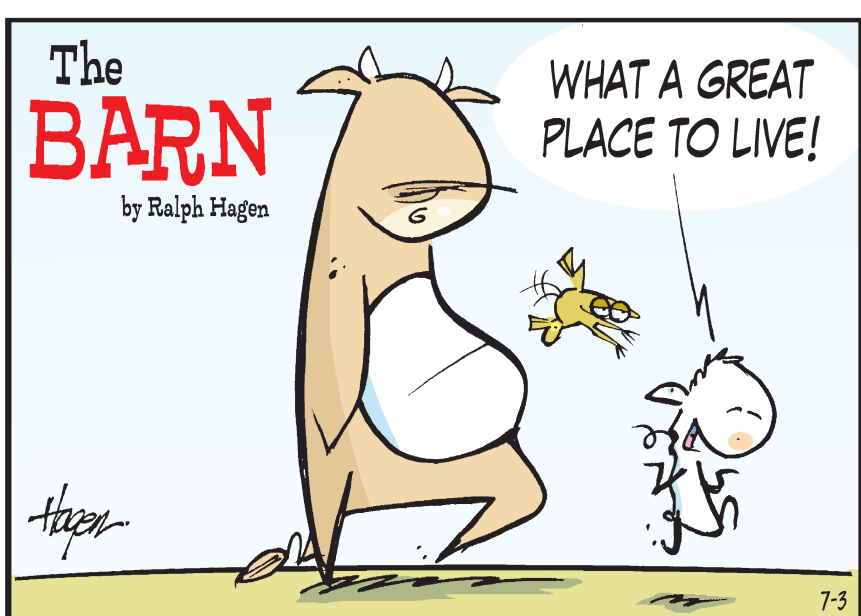
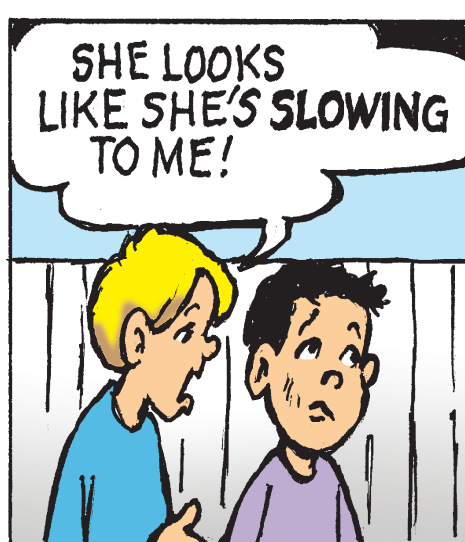
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Biden to award Medal of Freedom to Biles, McCain, Giffords

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden will present the nation’s highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, to 17 people, including actor Denzel Washington, gymnast Simone Biles and the late John McCain, the Arizona Republican with whom Biden served in the U.S. Senate.

Biden will also recognize Sandra Lindsay, the New York City nurse who rolled up her sleeve on live television in December 2020 to receive the first COVID-19 vaccine dose that was pumped into an arm in the United States, the White House announced Friday.

Biden’s honors list, which the White House shared first with The Associated Press, includes both living and deceased honorees from the worlds of Hollywood, sports, politics, the military, academia, and civil rights and social justice advocacy.

The Democratic president will present the medals at the White House next week.

Biden himself is a medal recipient. President Barack Obama honored Biden’s public service as a longtime U.S. senator and vice president by awarding him a Presidential Medal of Freedom in January 2017, a week before they left office.

The honorees who’ll receive medals from Biden “have overcome significant obstacles to achieve impressive accomplishments in the arts and sciences, dedicated their lives to advocating for the most vulnerable among us, and acted with bravery to drive change in their communities, and across the world, while blazing trails for generations to come,” the White House said.

The honor is reserved for people who have made exemplary contributions to the prosperity, values or security of the United States, world peace or other significant societal public or private endeavors, the White House said.

Biles is the most decorated U.S. gymnast in history, winning 32 Olympic and World Championship medals. She is an outspoken advocate on issues that are very personal to her, including athletes’ mental health, children in foster care and sexual assault victims.

Lindsay became an advocate for COVID-19 vaccinations after receiving the first dose in the U.S.

McCain, who died of brain cancer in 2018, spent more than five years in captivity in Vietnam while serving in the U.S. Navy. He later represented Arizona in both houses of Congress and was the Republican presidential nominee in 2008. Biden said McCain was a “dear friend” and “a hero.”

Washington is a double Oscar-winning actor, director and producer. He also has a Tony award, two Golden Globes and the Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a longtime spokesperson for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

The other 13 medal recipients are:

— Sister Simone Campbell. Campbell is a member of the Sister of Social Service and a former executive director of NETWORK, a Catholic social justice organization. She is an advocate for economic justice, overhauling the U.S. immigration system and health care policy.

— Julieta Garcia. A former president of the University of Texas at Brownsville, Garcia was the first Latina to become a college president, the White House said. She was named one of the nation’s best college presidents by Time magazine.

— Gabrielle Giffords. A former U.S. House member from Arizona, the Democrat founded Giffords, an organization dedicated to ending gun violence. She was shot in the head in January 2011 during a constituent event in Tucson and was gravely wounded.

— Fred Gray. Gray was one of the first Black members of the Alabama Legislature after Reconstruction. He was a prominent civil rights attorney who represented Rosa Parks, the NAACP and Martin Luther King Jr.

— Steve Jobs. Jobs was the co-founder, chief executive and chair of Apple Inc. He died in 2011.

— Father Alexander Karloutsos. Karloutsos is the assistant to Archbishop Demetrios of America. The White House said Karloutsos has counseled several U.S. presidents.

— Khizr Khan. An immigrant from Pakistan, Khan’s Army officer son was killed in Iraq. Khan gained national prominence, and became a target of Donald Trump’s wrath, after speaking at the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

— Diane Nash. A founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Nash organized some of the most important 20th century civil rights campaigns and worked with King.

— Megan Rapinoe. The Olympic gold medalist and two-time Women’s World Cup soccer champion captains the OL Reign in the National Women’s Soccer League. She is a prominent advocate for gender pay equality, racial justice and LGBTQI+ rights who has appeared at Biden’s White House.

— Alan Simpson. The retired U.S. senator from Wyoming served with Biden and has been a prominent advocate for campaign finance reform, responsible governance and marriage equality.

— Richard Trumka. Trumka had been president of the 12.5 million-member AFL-CIO for more than a decade at the time of his August 2021 death. He was a past president of the United Mine Workers.

— Wilma Vaught. A brigadier general, Vaught is one of the most decorated women in U.S. military history, breaking gender barriers as she has risen through the ranks. When Vaught retired in 1985, she was one of only seven female generals in the Armed Forces.

— Raúl Yzaguirre. A civil rights advocate, Yzaguirre was president and CEO of the National Council of La Raza for 30 years. He served as U.S. ambassador to the Dominican Republic under Obama.

Jackson sworn in, becomes 1st Black woman on Supreme Court

By **MARK SHERMAN**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Ketanji Brown Jackson was sworn in to the Supreme Court on Thursday, shattering a glass ceiling as the first Black woman on the nation’s highest court.

The 51-year-old Jackson is the court’s 116th justice, and she took the place of the justice she once worked for. Justice Stephen Breyer’s retirement was effective at noon.

Moments later, joined by her family, Jackson recited the two oaths required of Supreme Court justices, one administered by Breyer and the other by Chief Justice John Roberts.

“With a full heart, I accept the solemn responsibility of supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States and administering justice without fear or favor, so help me God,” Jackson said in a statement issued by the court. “I am truly grateful to be part of the promise of our great Nation. I extend my sincerest thanks to all of my new colleagues for their warm and gracious welcome.”

Roberts welcomed Jackson “to the court and our common calling.” The ceremony was streamed live on the court’s website. All the justices except for Neil Gorsuch attended the swearing-in, the court said. There was no immediate explanation for Gorsuch’s absence.

Jackson, a federal judge since 2013, is joining three other women — Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Amy Coney Barrett. It’s the first time four women will serve together on the nine-member court.

“Her historic swearing in today represents a profound step forward for our nation, for all the young, Black girls who now see themselves reflected on our highest court, and for all of us as Americans,” President Joe Biden said in a statement after he returned from a trip to Europe. He also thanked Breyer “for his many years of exemplary service.”

Biden nominated Jackson in February, a month after Breyer, 83, announced he would retire at the end of the court’s term, assuming his successor had been confirmed. Breyer’s earlier-than-usual announcement and the condition he attached was a recognition of the Democrats’ tenuous hold on the Senate in an era of hyper-partisanship, especially surrounding federal judgeships.

The Senate confirmed Jackson’s nomination in early April, by a 53-47 mostly party-line vote that included support from three Republicans.

Jackson had been in a sort of judicial limbo since, remaining a judge on the federal appeals court in Washington, D.C., but not hearing any cases. Biden elevated her to that court from the district judgeship to which she was appointed by President Barack Obama.

Glynda Carr, president of Higher Heights for America, an organization that advocates for the growth of Black women’s political power, said the timing of Jackson’s swearing-in was bittersweet.

“Although we celebrate her today, one Black woman or a cohort of Black women can’t save this democracy alone. We are a piece of it and we are doing our work, our part. She’s going to forever reshape and shape that court. But she’s just a piece of the work that needs to happen moving forward,” Carr said.

Because of Jackson’s appointment, Judith Browne Dianis, a Black lawyer in Washington, said she intends to end her protest against joining the Supreme Court Bar. She started it when Justice Clarence Thomas was confirmed in 1991. She said that even the series of conservative rulings from the court over the past week cannot take away from the significance of Thursday’s ceremony.

“This is a momentous occasion and it’s still a beautiful moment,” said Dianis, executive director of the civil rights group Advancement Project.

But, Dianis added, “she’s joining the court at a time when conservatives are holding the line and

trying to actually take us back, because they see the progress that’s being made in our country. It’s like the Civil War that never ended. That’s the court that she’s joining.”

Jackson will be able to begin work immediately, but the court will have just finished the bulk of its work until the fall, apart from emergency appeals that occasionally arise. That will give her time to settle in and familiarize herself with the roughly two dozen cases the court already has agreed to hear starting in October as well as hundreds of appeals that will pile up over the summer.

She helps form the most diverse court in its 232-year history and is the first former public defender to be a justice. The court that Jackson is joining is the most conservative that it has been since the 1930s. She is likely to be on the losing end of important cases, which could include examinations of the role of race in college admissions, congressional redistricting and voting rights that the court, with its 6-3 conservative majority, will take up next term.

Today’s court now is surrounded by fencing, and justices and their families have 24-hour protection by the U.S. Marshals, the result of a law passed days after a man carrying a gun, knife and zip ties was arrested near Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s Maryland house after threatening to kill the justice. The bill was introduced in May shortly after the leak of a draft court opinion that would overrule Roe v. Wade and sharply curtail abortion rights in roughly half the states.

The court issued final opinions earlier Thursday after a momentous and rancorous term that included overturning Roe v. Wade’s guarantee of the right to an abortion. One of Thursday’s decisions limited how the Environmental Protection Agency can use the nation’s main anti-air pollution law to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, a blow to the fight against climate change.

Supreme Court says several gun cases deserve a new look

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Thursday that gun cases involving restrictions in Hawaii, California, New Jersey and Maryland deserve a new look following its major decision in a gun case last week.

In light of last week’s ruling — which said that Americans have a right to carry a gun outside the home — lower courts should take another look at several cases that had been awaiting action by the high court, the court said.

Those cases include ones about high-capacity magazines, an assault weapons ban and a state law that limits who can carry a gun outside the home.

The justices, in a 6-3 decision, last week struck down a New York law

that required people to show “proper cause,” a specific need to carry a gun, if they wanted to carry a gun in public.

Half a dozen states have similar laws that were called into question by the ruling.

In the New York case, the court’s conservative majority gave lower courts new guidance about how to evaluate gun restrictions.

The justices rejected a two-step approach appeals courts had previously used as having one step too many.

They said courts assessing modern firearms regulations should just ask whether they are “consistent with the Second Amendment’s text and historical understanding.”

Sending other gun cases back to lower courts gives them the opportu-

nity to apply that new guidance.

One of the cases the justices sent back to a lower court Thursday involved a Hawaii statute similar to New York’s.

In that case, a panel of 11 judges on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled in 2021 that the right to “keep and bear arms” in the Constitution’s Second Amendment “does not guarantee an unfettered, general right to openly carry arms in public for individual self-defense.”

But the high court said in its latest gun case that the Constitution protects “an individual’s right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home.”

A lower court will now have to revisit the Hawaii ruling.

The high court also told federal ap-

peals courts to revisit cases involving laws in California and New Jersey that limit the number of bullets a gun magazine can hold.

A 2018 New Jersey law limits most gun owners to magazines that hold up to 10 rounds of ammunition instead of the 15-round limit in place since 1990. A lower court upheld the law.

California law also bans magazines holding more than 10 bullets.

A panel of 11 judges on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 7-4 last year to uphold California’s ban.

The justices also sent back for further review a case from Maryland that challenged the state’s 2013 ban on 45 kinds of assault weapons.

The high court had in 2017 turned away a previous challenge to the law.

Astros beat Yanks again, Bregman's 2-run double keys 2-1 win

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HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros wrapped up a stretch of nine straight games against New York teams Thursday night with another win over the New York Yankees.

Alex Bregman hit a two-run double early and the Astros held on for the 2-1 victory.

Houston went 3-2 against the major league-leading Yankees and swept four games with the Mets, who had baseball's second best record before being overtaken by the Astros.

"It was a great victory for the fans to watch and it was great for the city of Houston and it was great for my ball club," manager Dusty Baker said. "We played good during this time. We beat two very good teams and played them in a short period of time and you usually don't do that."

The Yankees managed just two runs combined in the three recent losses to Houston. That included a 3-0 defeat Saturday where three Astros pitchers combined for a no-hitter.

"They're good," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "They're one of the best teams at keeping you from scoring as there is. So they've done a good job of, for the most part, holding us down. That's going to happen sometimes against good teams."

The Yankees were in town for just one game to make up part of a series that was scrapped because of the lockout. They'll complete the series with a doubleheader here July 21.

Houston starter Luis García (6-5) allowed three hits and one run with six strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings for his third straight win. Ryan Pressly struck out two in a scoreless ninth for his 17th save.

Jake Meyers doubled with no outs in the third before Aledmys Díaz walked with two outs. Kyle Tucker walked to load the bases before Bregman's double to put Houston up 2-0.

The Astros had a chance to pad the lead, but the inning ended on an odd play after a malfunction of New York starter Luis Severino's PitchCom device.

With Yuli Gurriel at-bat, a frustrated Severino took off his cap and held the PitchCom speaker to his ear, apparently unable to hear instructions from catcher Jose Trevino.

Tucker saw Severino was distracted from third base and tried to sneak home. Severino had the PitchCom earpiece in his right hand and had to quickly maneuver to get the baseball back in his throwing hand. He threw home while still holding his cap, and his throw narrowly beat Tucker and ended the inning.

"I saw him when he was like halfway, but nobody's faster than the ball," Severino said.

Severino was asked about making the throw with the device and his cap still in his hands.

"I'm very good with my hands," he said with a laugh.

Boone raved about the heads-up play.

"Sevy didn't panic and reacted the right way and made the play," Boone said.

Baker thought it was a good chance for Tucker to take.

"If he throws that ball any kind of way errantly he's safe," Baker said. "I urge our guys to play aggressively and I thought he still had a chance to be safe. ... That was a bold play that almost worked."

Anthony Rizzo hit a solo homer for the Yankees in the sixth inning, but they had trouble generating much else on offense as they had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Severino (4-3) yielded three hits and two runs in six innings.

The Astros were without slugger Yordan Alvarez and shortstop Jeremy Peña after the two were involved in a nasty outfield collision Wednesday in a win over the Mets. Baker said both were continuing testing for concussions, and he wasn't sure how long they'd be sidelined.

Garcia had retired seven of the last eight batters he'd faced with three consecutive strikeouts when Rizzo knocked his 21st home run into right field to

cut the lead to 2-1 and chase Garcia with one out in the sixth. Ryne Stanek took over, and Giancarlo Stanton greeted him with a single before Gleyber Torres walked with two outs in the inning.

Stanek retired Jose Trevino for the third out to extend his streak of consecutive scoreless innings to 20.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: LHP Aroldis Chapman (left Achilles tendinitis) will be activated from the injured list Friday. Boone said that Chapman, who hasn't pitched in the majors since May 22, could be used several ways, not just as the closer. "We'll pick spots and try to get him in spots where he can be successful," Boone said. "That could be anywhere from a high-leverage situation to a mid-leverage to a low-leverage."

Astros: Bench coach Joe Espada, first base coach Omar Lopez and quality control coach Dan Firova all missed Thursday's game because of health and safety protocols. Wladimir Sutil, who is Triple-A Sugar Land's development coach, joined the team to coach first base.

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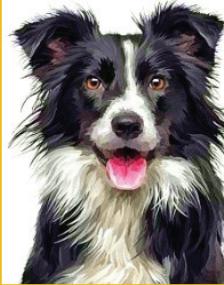
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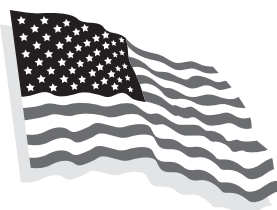
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*AP Sources: NFL
adamant on indefinite
suspension for Watson*

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

Deshaun Watson's disciplinary hearing concluded Thursday with the NFL adamant about an indefinite suspension of at least one year and the quarterback's legal team arguing there's no basis for that punishment, two people with knowledge of the case told The Associated Press.

Both sides presented their arguments over three days before former U.S. District Judge Sue

Robinson in Delaware, according to both people who spoke on condition of anonymity because the hearing isn't public.

Watson was accused of sexual misconduct by 24 women and settled 20 of the civil lawsuits.

Robinson, who was jointly appointed by the league and the NFL Players' Association, will determine whether Watson violated the NFL's personal conduct policy and whether to impose discipline.

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Experts: US Court fractures decades of Native American law

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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — A U.S. Supreme Court ruling expanding state authority to prosecute some crimes on Native American land is fracturing decades of law built around the hard-fought principle that tribes have the right to govern themselves on their own territory, legal experts say.

The Wednesday ruling is a marked departure from federal Indian law and veers from the push to increase tribes' ability to prosecute all crimes on reservations — regardless of who is involved. It also cast tribes as part of states, rather than the sovereign nations they are, infuriating many across Indian Country.

"The majority (opinion) is not firmly rooted in the law that I have dedicated my life to studying and the history as I know it to be true," said Elizabeth Hidalgo Reese, an assistant law professor at Stanford University who is enrolled at Nambé Pueblo in New Mexico. "And that's just really concerning,"

Federal authorities largely maintained exclusive jurisdiction to investigate serious, violent crime on reservations across much of the U.S. when the suspect or victim is Native American. The 5-4 decision from the high court in a case out of Oklahoma means states will share in that authority when the suspect is not Native American and the victim is.

Criminal justice on tribal lands already is a tangled web, and the ruling likely will present new thorny questions about jurisdiction, possible triple jeopardy and how to tackle complicated crimes in remote areas where resources are stretched thin. States had power to prosecute crimes involving only non-Natives on reservations before this week's ruling.

"It will have an impact in Indian Country, so only the future will tell us if it's good or not," said Robert Miller, a law professor at Arizona State University and citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. "Is it better to have more criminal prosecutions, more governments enforcing crimes or less?"

Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote a scathing dissent joined by the court's three liberal members, saying "one can only hope the political branches and future courts will do their duty to honor this Nation's promises even as we have failed today to do on our own."

Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. of the Cherokee Nation said the court "failed in its duty to honor this nation's promises, defied Congress's statutes and accepted the 'lawless disregard of the Cherokee's sovereignty.'"

It's unclear how the decision ultimately will play out for tribes, but there is precedent. Congress established a law in 1953 that's known as PL-280, partly

to relieve the federal government of funding public safety on some reservations. The law resulted in state authority over crime in several states, including Alaska and California where about three-fifths of the 574 federally recognized tribes are based.

As in the decision in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*, tribes did not consent. Neither Congress then nor the Supreme Court now funded the expansion of state authority on tribal land.

"That's far from the first time," said Lauren van Schilfgaarde, a member of Cochiti Pueblo in New Mexico who directs the Tribal Legal Development Clinic at the UCLA. "Federal Indian law is just littered with cases in which tribes were denied the opportunity to speak on their own behalf."

Federal authorities have long been criticized for declining to prosecute cases in Indian Country — roughly a third, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Authorities in PL-280 states also have been criticized for a lack of response to crime in Indian Country, where law enforcement officers often must travel long distances to investigate reported crimes.

Tribes asserted that the federal government — with which they have a political relationship — is the appropriate sovereign entity to handle criminal matters.

Congress maintains control over Native American and Alaska Native affairs, which are overseen by the Department of Interior.

States have no such obligation to tribes.

Kevin Washburn, dean of the University of Iowa's law school, said it will be interesting to see how the priority question shakes out.

"That is, will feds take primacy or will state prosecutors take primacy in cases?" asked Washburn, who is Chickasaw and a former assistant Interior secretary for Indian Affairs. "And how do they decide who will be first or who will move at all?"

While the Supreme Court ruling is an expansion of power for states, it doesn't come with a similar increase for tribes. A 1978 ruling stripped tribes of any criminal jurisdiction over non-Natives on their reservations.

The reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013 restored some of that authority in limited domestic violence cases and further expanded it earlier this year.

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Fantastic facts about fireworks

Cities and towns across the country commemorate special days with various festivities, particularly when warm weather beckons people outdoors. Fireworks long have been a popular way to cap off parades, concerts, sporting events, and national days of celebration. Entire communities come together to watch spectacular shows in which blazing pops of color light up the night sky.

Smithsonian magazine reports that pyrotechnics displays have been astounding audiences all over the world for centuries. As early as 200 B.C. fireworks were developed in China to first scare off mountain men and later evil spirits. However, soon the Chinese incorporated “fire drug,” essentially saltpeter, sulfur and charcoal (a recipe for gunpowder), into their cultural celebrations. Early Chinese fireworks consisted of the gunpowder mixture stuffed in bamboo tubes. Fireworks have evolved since then, but by and large they’re still comprised of the same main parts: an oxidizer, fuel and chemical mixture to produce desired colors. Fireworks are

a wonder to behold when they are part of professional displays, and their history can be interesting as well.

- While the Chinese invented fireworks, Italians helped fine-tune them. Italians are credited with designing aerial shells and figuring out that certain metallic powders could create specific colors.

- The largest consistent fireworks show in the United States is the Macy’s show in New York over the Hudson River on July 4th. More than three million people view the show, which includes more than 40,000 shells.

- The Walt Disney Company is the largest consumer of fireworks in the world, according to Business Insider. It also is the second largest purchaser of explosive devices, behind only the U.S. Department of Defense.

- High-energy metal compounds like copper chloride emit colors like violet and blue in fireworks. Low-energy compounds like strontium chloride produce orange and red.

- The pattern fireworks will produce in the sky is determined by how stars are arranged inside of the shell. Stars are the cubes or

spheres that contain the chemicals needed for the firework reaction.

- Mental Floss notes that “daytime fireworks” are made up of colored smoke and can be seen during the day.

- Individuals who are employed in the manufacture of fireworks must wear cotton clothing, including undergarments, as synthetic clothing can create sparks capable of detonating fireworks, according to Alamo Fireworks.

- Various fireworks shapes have their own names. They may be called willows, palms, crossettes, horsetails, rings, cakes, and more.

- New Castle, PA is known as the “Fireworks Capital of America” because Zambelli Fireworks Internationale and Pyrotecnico both got their start there in the mid-nineteenth century.

- Scientists are currently working to create more eco-friendly fireworks. Fireworks will soon be booming in towns and cities all over, and their history is as interesting as their displays are awe-inspiring.

Serve apple turnovers at summer gatherings

Celebrations are common in July. American Independence Day is celebrated each July 4th, and that momentous occasion lays the foundation for a month-long celebration of Americana. Since the United States first gained its independence from Great Britain, many things have been described as representing the best of American culture. Rock-n-roll music and baseball have long been deemed “as American as apple pie,” but how did apple pie come to be synonymous with America?

Few fruits have been associated more with America than the apple, due in large part to John Chapman, affectionately known as Johnny Appleseed. Chapman was born in Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War. Chapman’s father fought in the war, then survived to return home to farm and teach his son the family business. The younger Chapman is said to have spent 40 years clearing land and planting apple seeds in Midwestern states. Apples thrived and became important foods for early settlers. Apples were easy to grow and store for use throughout the year, plus they were — and still are — versatile fruits that can be



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Apple pie is a popular dish made from apples, but a close cousin to pie — turnovers — can be just as delicious. Turnovers are handheld desserts made with many of the same ingredients as pie. They are small pastries made by covering one half of a piece of dough with filling, folding the other half over on top, and then sealing the edges. Apple turnovers can be a sweet treat for July 4th barbecues or other events this summer. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of PillsburyTM.

Easy Apple Turnovers Serves 4

1 1/2 cups thinly sliced, peeled apples (roughly 1 1/2 medium-sized apple)
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 box Pillsbury™ refrigerated pie crusts
1 egg

1. In a 2-quart saucepan, mix apples,

brown sugar, 1 tablespoon of the water and lemon juice. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until bubbly. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook 6 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until apples are tender.

2. In a small bowl, mix flour, granulated sugar and salt. Gradually stir into apple mixture, cooking and stirring until mixture thickens. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla. Cool 15 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, heat oven to 350 F. Let pie crust pouch stand at room temperature for 15 minutes.

4. Remove pie crust from pouch; unroll crust on ungreased cookie sheet. Spoon cooled fruit mixture evenly onto half of crust to within 1/2 inch of edge.

5. In a small bowl, beat egg and 1 tablespoon water; brush over edge of crust. Fold untopped half of crust over apple mixture; firmly press edge to seal. Flute edge; cut small slits in several places in top crust. Brush top with remaining egg mixture.

6. Bake 25 to 35 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Serve warm or cool. Drizzle with icing, if desired. Expert tips: Tart apples, such as Granny Smith or McIntosh, make flavorful pies.





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Chamber happenings...

• Salon 15



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Chmaber of Commerce recently presented at Salon 15, located at 1001 E. 11th Place.

By **AMANDA DUEORAT**

Contributing Writer

Cut ... Style ... Shine. Salon 15 does it all. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed the locally owned salon with a ribbon cutting. "We are always excited to see a new business take root in Big Spring and Howard County," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "We are even more excited when we have businesses reach out to us and want to know how to get involved and want to know how they can invest back into the community."

Salon 15 is owned and operated by Annie Jeter and has been serving Howard County for the past four years. There are six stylists who are currently at the salon to offer an array of hair care services. Services include haircuts, colors, braiding, waxing and spray tans. Services are by appointment, but walk-ins are welcome. Appointments can be

made between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. by phone at 432-606-4935 or on social media platforms, Facebook and Instagram. Salon 15 is located across from the Big Spring High School at 1001 E. 11th Place.

"We are looking forward to the connections we can make through the Chamber of Commerce. The connection and support that is offered is one of the things we are looking forward to having," Jeter said. "We have a couple of new stylists that are needing to build their clientele and we feel that this could help do that."

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce focuses on working with locally owned businesses to promote the growth of the community. In addition to Thank You Presentations, the Chamber holds ribbon cuttings for members, hosts networking opportunities and other community events. There are 348 Chamber members in Howard County. To find out how to become a Chamber of Commerce member, contact Debbye ValVerde at the office by calling 432-263-7641 or by stopping in for more information at 215 W. Third Street. To find out about upcoming events tune in to local media and follow the Chamber on Facebook.

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• The Station Barber Co.



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Contributing Writer

The town of Coahoma is one business bigger with the recent addition of The Station Barber Co. For the last four months residents of Coahoma have had a place to stop in and get a nice haircut and shave at 204 S. Adams in Coahoma.

The Station Barber Co. is owned by Coahoma local Stormy Bradley and haircuts provided by Jesus Amado Ochoa.

"Today the ribbon cutting went very well. I was very excited about how everyone came out and showed up to support this local business," Ochoa said.

In addition to the celebration of the recent opening for The Station Barber Co. Ochoa was surprised by his best friend's surprise visit for the special occasion.

"I did get a little emotional because I didn't expect any of my friends or family to be attending," he said.

The Coahoma community has

delivered a 'Five Star Response' according to Ochoa, since day one of the barber-shops opening. The support from local businesses and community members has been above and beyond.

"Local businesses should be helping other local businesses. What you pour into one is what you pour into yourself," Ochoa said. "We chose to become a Chamber member to be closer with other businesses, united as one. We can help each other out, and I think the Chamber of Commerce is great in that."

Haircuts and shaves are available by walk-ins and appointments. Appointments can be made on Facebook or by calling 432-394-4824. Normal business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Waxing will soon be added to the list of services.

The services that are provided by The Station Barber Co. don't stop at haircuts and shaves, but extend to the opportunity for a nice car wash. Car Washes can be scheduled by appointment only and does include handwashing services and interior cleaning.

To find out more about The Station Barber Co. follow them on Facebook.

Big Spring Senior Center Menu

Monday: Closed for the 4th of July.
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, cookies, rolls, milk.
Wednesday: Chopped BBQ sandwich, pinto beans, coleslaw, muffin, milk.
Thursday: Chicken noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, biscuit, milk.
Friday: Fish sandwich, tarter sauce, black eyed peas, okra, granola bar, milk.



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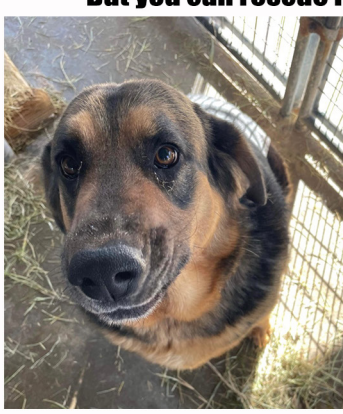
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Soldiers of The Soil

By **Judy Tereletsky**
HSWCD District Clerk



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Whether you call them Victory Gardens or Pandemic Gardens, homegrown vegetables and fruits are making a big comeback especially due to inflations and shortages at the stores

One of the sayings that I am fond of quoting is “history repeats itself”. We survived the Spanish Flu Pandemic 1918-1920 to only find us fighting another pandemic roughly 100 years later. Of course, anyone can adapt happenings to fit the circumstance, however, one thing I enjoy seeing a resurgence of is the “Victory Garden”.

When major catastrophes or conflicts like the pandemic or the crisis in the Ukraine happen, it is often agriculture that suffers and of course in turn the food supplies of the world. Coming out of the pandemic, we have recently had to deal with inflation hitting our pocketbooks and the conflict in the “breadbasket of the world” (Ukraine produces lots of wheat) has not helped. One thing close to home that can help is the planting of a Victory Garden.

Victory gardens began as “War Gardens” when in 1917 Charles Pack organized the US National War Garden Commission. Food production fell dramatically, and a severe food crisis emerged as agricultural workers were recruited into military service and farms in Europe were transformed into battlefields during World War I. Americans were encouraged to contribute to the war effort by planting, harvesting, and storing their own fruits and vegetables so more food supplies could be sent to our allies. Citizens were urged to transform any idle land including school grounds, company grounds, parks, backyards, or vacant lots into viable sources of food. By the end of the war, over five million war gardens were created in the U.S with foodstuff production exceeding \$1.2 billion.

Unfortunately, that old history repeated itself in 1941 when Americans and the world faced another food shortage from World War II. Agriculture had already taken a hit during the “Dust Bowl” of the Depression and now food rationing was once again

a reality. The United States Department of Agriculture encouraged the planting of “Liberty Gardens” and soon the call for action was answered. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt planted a “Victory Garden” at the White House officially changing the garden’s name to indicated that we were winning the war.

Around one third of the vegetables produced during this time came from Victory Gardens. Young people were encouraged to become “Soldiers of The Soil”. Families received education in how to plant gardens, fertilize, fight pest and diseases, and the harvesting and storage of the food produced. In 1943, families bought 315,000 pressure cookers (to use in canning food) compared to 66,000 in 1942. Many households employed drying methods to preserve food. It was emphasized to America that the produce from their gardens would help lower the price of vegetables need by the War Department to feed the troops and by May of 1943 there were approximately twenty million gardens in the United States. Fruits and vegetables harvested in homes and community gardens was estimated to be 10 million tons equal to all commercial production of fresh vegetables.

When the war ended, the trend of planting a garden was soon replaced with more modern pastimes like backyard pools, patios and basketball hoops. Gardens remained popular but not with the urgency we had during the tough times of war. We battle a different type of war with some areas of our nation not having access to nutritious foods. First Lady Michelle Obama encouraged “Kitchen Gardens” during her time at the White House. On March 20, 2009, Ms. Obama broke ground on the largest vegetable garden to date funded by a \$2.5 million donation from the Burpee Seed Foundation. The produce from the garden is used in preparation of White House dinners.

With Father’s Day being celebrated once more this month, I am reminded of my Dad. When he returned from fighting in the Pacific during WWII, he loved planting fruit trees and gardens. He was one of those people who could plant a stick in the ground and a tree would grow. I did not inherit those “Green Thumbs”, but I try to do my best. Every once in a while, I will plant tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and peppers. Most of the time the bugs win the battle and enjoy the fruit of my labors. If you plan a Victory Garden, you can order seeds or use a local nursery for plants that a little bit of a head start. Make sure you research what will grow in your area and take into consideration what you will eat. If you and the family don’t like turnips, then don’t plant them. Don’t fool yourself, gardens take some planning and lots of hard work. However, being a Soldier of the Soil can be very rewarding. Once you enjoy creating a garden then I predict history will repeat itself and you will garden again. As Yogi Berra from my Daddy’s favorite sports pastime of baseball said, “It’s like Déjà vu all over again”!

Chamber happenings... (cont.)

• Franklin & Son Inc.



Herald photo/Patrick Gonzales

Above the Big Spring Chmaber of Commerce recently presented a Thank You banner to the staff of Franklin & Son Inc., for their investment in the local community. Franklin & Son Inc. is located at 408 Runnels.

By **AMANDA DUEORAT**
Contributing Writer

Locally owned businesses serve as the heartbeat of small communities. Small businesses understand the importance of a community working together and the impact that can be made when residents work together.

On Tuesday morning, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors gathered at locally owned business, Franklin and Son, for a Thank You Presentation. Each week the Chamber takes the time to show their appreciation to members for their contribution and investment back into the community.

"We appreciate the Chamber coming out today for this. We are here to support local groups, local businesses," Ray Jones, Big Spring Store Manager, said. "We do everything we can to promote local businesses and what they are about."

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promote the growth of the community. In addition to Thank You Presentations, the Chamber holds ribbon cuttings for members, hosts networking opportunities and other community events. There are more than 300 Chamber members in Howard County. To find out how to become a Chamber of Commerce member, contact Debbye ValVerde at the office by calling 432-263-7641 or by stopping in for more information at 215 W. Third Street. To find out about upcoming events tune in to local media and follow the Chamber on Facebook.

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To find out more information, get a quote, and more, visit the website at franklinandsoninc.com or follow them on Facebook for more information. Franklin and Son is located at 408 Runnels. To contact the Big Spring location, call 432-267-6337.

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Deeds
Type: Gift Deed Grantor: Steve Pilkington Grantee: Douglas Pilkington Property: Lots 19 and 20, Country Livin' Subdivision in a 41-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: June 20, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Joy E. Simpson Grantee: Cody Scott Jones Property: A 4.736-acre tract in Sec. 32, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: June 20, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: Mary Beth Yeager, acting by Rick Yeager, agent and A.H. Yeager Grantee: Rick Yeager and Danny Yeager Property: Tract 1: Approximately 319 acres in S/2 Sec. 7, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: Approximately 157.3 acres in SW/4 Sec. 35, Blk. 35, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey. Date: June 20, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: Mary Beth Yeager, acting by Rick Yeager, agent Grantee: A.H. Yeager Property: Lot 14, Blk. 11, Kentwood Addition Date: June 21, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Monique Gusman fka Monique Garcia Grantee: Eric Escamilla Property: Lot 8, Blk. 9, Monticello Addition Date: June 21, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: Pete Rosenbaum Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 17, Monticello Addition Date: June 22, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: CDR Investments Inc. Grantee: Braden Newcomb Property: Lot 7, Blk.. 23, College Park Estates Date: June 22, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Thomas Hodges and Meagan Hodges Grantee: Triple Play Investments LLC Property: S/40 feet of Lot 9, Blk. 40, Original Town of Big Spring Date: June 22, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Thomas Hodges aka Thomas L. Hodges III and Meagan Hodges Grantee: Triple Play Investments LLC Property: Lots 1 and 2, Subdivision B, Blk. 26, Fairview Heights Addition Date: June 22, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Thomas Hodges and Meagan Hodges Grantee: Triple Play Investments LLC Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 40, Original Town of Big Spring Date: June 22, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Kendel Leona Rose Truitt and Christopher James Head Grantee: Edwin Nielsen Jr. and Erika Nielsen Property: A 2.307-acre tract, more or less in NW/4 Sec. 21, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: June 22, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: Michael Weaver, Patrick Weaver and Kellye Weaver acting as attorney-in-face for Joyce Weaver Grantee: Abel Gonzales Property: Surface estate only of Lots 10-12, Blk. 3, Tennyson Addition Date: June 22, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed Grantor: Rosa M. Rubio Grantee: Gallegos Mendoza Property: Surface estate only of a 1.0-acre tract out of a 20.0-acre tract in W/2 of NE/4 of Sec. 8, Blk. 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey. Date: June 23, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: James H. Dunn Grantee: Jeana Dunn Property: 1/2 interest in Lot 30, Blk. 6, Kentwood Addition Unit No. 2 Date: June 23, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: Sharon Thurman, individually and as an heir of Gary Thurman aka Gary Floyd Thurman, deceased Grantee: John Kappel Property: 0.620 acres in Blk. 31, T-1-N, Sec. 44, Pt. NE/4, mobile home to remain on property and to be included in conveyance. Date: June 23, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: Sharon Thurman Grantee: John Kappel Property: A 9.495-acre tract in a 1.493-acre tract in a 5.0-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: June 23, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Christopher Perry and Latisha Perry Grantee: Tommy Joe Moore and Tawna Chari Moore Property: A tract in Sec. 48, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: June 23, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Big Spring Lots Inc. Grantee: Silver Leaf Communities LLC Property: A 4.58-acre tract in an 88.21-acre tract in Sec. 45, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: June 23, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: Robert Terry Lowther and Catherine Lowther Allaire and Rebecca Lynn Thomas Grantee: Gene Ann Robbins Property: Lot 4, Blk. 5, West Cliff Addition Date: June 24, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien Grantor: Charles R. Atkerson Grantee: Stefanie Cooley and Nathan Atkerson Property: Lot 15, Blk. 1, Colonial Hills Addition Date: June 24, 2022
Type: General Warranty Deed Grantor: Jeffrey Bunch Grantee: Preferred Builders Design and Construction Property: Lot 2, Blk. 8, Cole and Strayhorn addition (0.161 acres) Date: June 24, 2022
Type: Warranty Deed Grantor: Worthy Land and Development Inc. Grantee: Preferred Builders Design and Construction LLC Property: Lots 3-5, Blk. 1, Sec. 1, Village at the Spring Addition Date: June 24, 2022

Chamber happenings... (cont.)

• Howard County Community Health Center



Photo courtesy Amanda Duforat

The Howard County Community Health Center is located at 103 W. 11th Street and is now accepting patients. A ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony was held on Thursday afternoon with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. To find out more or schedule an appointment, call 432-517-4557.

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Contributing Writer

Howard County Community Health Center is officially operating in the new facility, located at 103 W. 11th Street. Their grand opening was held with a ribbon cutting celebration this past Thursday afternoon. Chamber members, Community Health Center employees, board members and staff were on hand for the event.

The Howard County Community Health Center has been serving the Howard County community for numerous years and was previously located on Gregg Street. Construction on the new facility began 15 months ago and was completed recently. According to information provided at the ribbon cutting, the new center has been receiving patients for the past

couple of weeks.

The Community Health Center is part of the South Plains Rural Health Services, Inc. There are an array of services provided from preventative care, sick visits, counseling services and diabetes management. The new center also has an onsite pharmacy for patients and a dentist area.

The health center accepts all major medical insurance including Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross Blue Shield, CHIP and more. More information can be obtained about the sliding scale payment options as well by speaking with a representative.

To schedule an appointment or to find out more information about services provided at the Howard County Community Health Center, call 432-517-4557.

Kohl's sale falls apart in shaky retail environment

By MATT OTT

AP Business Writer

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — The potential sale of the Kohl's department store chain has fallen apart in a shaky retail environment of rising inflation and consumer anxiety.

Kohl's entered exclusive talks early this month with Franchise Group, the owner of Vitamin Shop and other retail outlets, for a deal potentially worth about \$8 billion.

"Given the environment and market volatility, the Board determined that it simply was not prudent to continue pursuing a deal," said Kohl's Chairman Pete Boneparth.

It was the second time this week that a major retailer retreated from a potential sale due to worsening economic conditions. Walgreen's said Thursday that it was giving up on its hopes of selling its Boots business in the UK.

"Kohl's decision to terminate acquisition talks with Franchise Group comes as no great surprise," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData. "Current market conditions are

not conducive to corporate dealmaking, with issues around financing and raising debt and capital all acting as barriers to closure."

Saunders said that while Franchise Group was serious about the bid, it "likely found it increasingly difficult to make the math stack up against a backdrop of a deteriorating retail environment."

Shares of Kohl's Corp., based in Wisconsin, tumbled more than 20% at the opening bell.

U.S. data released two weeks ago showed that inflation has begun to erode the will of Americans to shop as they once had, unable to travel much and flush with money from government stimulus checks. Economic growth in the U.S. is slowing and potential takeovers face stiffening headwinds from rising interest rates that make financing such deals much more expensive.

Kohl's struggled with anemic sales before the pandemic. Sales and profits rebounded in 2021, but the department store is now battling higher costs and a pullback from its price-conscious shoppers who are

being more cautious with their spending in the face of rising prices for gas, food, and just about everything else.

The spending retreat is broader than that, however. Just weeks after telling its investors what to expect in the year ahead, the luxury furniture chain RH revised those expectations lower Thursday, citing worsening macro-economic conditions and rising mortgage rates.

The day before, the CEO of Bed, Bath & Beyond was ousted after another dismal quarter of sales.

Driving home the weak environment for some retailers, Kohl's said Friday that it now expects sales to be down in high-single digits in the current quarter compared with 2021. It had anticipated sales to be down in the low-single digits previously.

That comes less than two months after Kohl's Corp. cut its annual earnings and sales forecast following a gloomy first quarter. Sales at stores opened at least year dropped 5.2% compared with 2021.

Kohl's has more than 1,100 stores in 49 states.

\$340,000 a year by the end of 2024. Senior captains of bigger planes, such as Boeing 777s, would earn about \$425,000 a year. He said the company is also offering a premium for reassignments, a better profit-sharing program, and other add-ons.

American, which is based in Fort Worth, Texas, lost \$2 billion last year but is seeing stronger revenue this year as travel continues to recover from the worst of the pandemic.

The Allied Pilots Association, which represents the airline's roughly 13,000 pilots, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Stocks fall, extending a deep slump into second half of 2022

By DAMIAN J. TROISE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell in morning trading on Wall Street Friday, continuing a dismal streak as markets worry about high inflation and the possibility that higher interest rates could bring on a recession.

The S&P 500 fell 0.4% as of 10:23 a.m. Eastern. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 160 points, or 0.5%, to 30,614 and the Nasdaq fell 0.2%.

The market is mired in a deep slump. The S&P 500 on Thursday closed out its worst quarter since the onset of the pandemic in early 2020 and its performance in the first half of 2022 was the worst since the first six months of 1970.

The benchmark index has been in a bear market since last month, meaning an extended decline of 20% or more from its most recent peak. It's now down 21% from the peak it set at the beginning of this year.

The latest slip precedes a long holiday

weekend. Financial markets in the U.S. will be closed on Monday for Independence Day.

Bond yields fell significantly. The yield on the 10-year Treasury, which helps set mortgage rates, fell to 2.84% from 2.97% last Thursday. The yield on the 2-year Treasury slipped to 2.80% from 2.92%.

Wall Street remains concerned about the risk of a recession as economic growth slows and the Federal Reserve aggressively hikes interest rates. The Fed is raising rates to purposefully slow economic growth to help cool inflation, but could potentially go too far and bring on a recession.

Economic data over the last few weeks has shown that inflation remains hot and the economy is slowing. The latter has raised hopes on Wall Street that the Fed will eventually ease off its aggressive push to raise rates, which have been weighing on stocks, especially pricier sectors like technology. Analysts don't expect much of a rally for stocks until there are solid signs that inflation

is cooling.

The latest economic update on Friday for the manufacturing sector shows a continued slowdown in growth in June that was sharper than economists expected. On Thursday, a report showed that a measure of inflation that is closely tracked by the Fed rose 6.3% in May from a year earlier, unchanged from its level in April.

Earlier this week, a worrisome report showed that consumer confidence slipped to its lowest level in 16 months. The government has also reported that the U.S. economy shrank at an annual rate of 1.6% in the first quarter and weak consumer spending was a key part of that contraction.

Energy and technology stocks were among the big losers on Friday. Hess fell 2.4% and chipmaker Micron shed 5.6% after giving investors a disappointing profit forecast.

Retailers and other companies that rely directly on consumer spending made solid gains. Amazon rose 1.3% and Starbucks rose 2.7%.

McConnell warns Dems of fallout for reviving Biden bill

By KEVIN FREKING and ALAN FRAM

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell threatened Thursday to derail a bill designed to boost semiconductor manufacturing in the United States if Democrats revive their stalled package of energy and economic initiatives.

The rejuvenation of the Democratic reconciliation package, central to President Joe Biden's agenda is far from certain. But with some signs of progress in the negotiations, McConnell is moving to complicate Democratic plans. He's warning that Republicans would react by stopping separate semiconductor legislation from moving over the finish line in the coming weeks, despite its bipartisan support.

"Let me be perfectly clear: there will be no bipartisan USICA as long as Democrats are pursuing a partisan reconciliation bill," McConnell tweeted, referring to the shorthand name for the computer chips bill that passed the Senate last year.

Both chambers of Congress have passed their versions of the legislation, which would include \$52 billion in incentives for companies to locate chip manufacturing plants in the U.S. Lawmakers are now trying to reconcile the considerable differences between the two bills, but at a pace that has many supporters worried the job won't get done before lawmakers break for their August recess.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said McConnell was "holding hostage" a bipartisan package that would lower the cost of countless products that rely on semiconductors and would yield hundreds of thousands of manufacturing jobs.

"Senate Republicans are literally choosing to help China out compete the U.S. in order to protect big drug companies," Jean-Pierre said. "This takes loyalty to special interests over working Americans to a new and shocking height. We are not going to back down in the face of this outrageous threat."

Democrats have eyed using reconciliation — a special budget process — to pass parts of their agenda through the 50-50 Senate because it allows them to circumvent the filibuster and pass legislation with a simple majority. It was anticipated that any new reconciliation package Democrats pursue would include provisions designed to lower drug prices for many consumers.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. and Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., have been talking intermittently for months in an effort to craft a whittled-down version

of the massive environment and social program measure that Manchin killed in December.

As part of that drive, Democrats are expected to submit language reducing prescription drug costs to the chamber's parliamentarian in coming days, according to an official familiar with the process.

The parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, must affirm that the provisions adhere to Senate rules. That would allow Democrats to use special procedures that would let them approve the legislation in the 50-50 chamber over unanimous Republican opposition.

The prescription drug provisions would be crucial to the bill because they could produce hundreds of billions of dollars in savings by reducing federal costs.

Those savings would be used to pay for other initiatives dealing with climate, energy and possibly health care subsidies for low earners. Schumer and Manchin have yet to reach agreement on other potential parts of the bill, which Schumer is hoping the Senate would consider as early as late July.

The prescription drug provisions would let Medicare begin negotiating prices for the drugs it buys from manufacturers next year and increase federal subsidies for premiums and co-pays for some low-income people, according to a summary obtained by The Associated Press.

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The now defunct version of the legislation would have cost around \$2 trillion over a decade and had cleared the House. But Manchin, who had negotiated with party leaders for months and whose vote Democrats needed for passage, abruptly said he was opposing it, arguing it would have fueled inflation.

Some Democrats have expressed optimism that the effort can be revived. Others have expressed pessimism that a fresh, election-year agreement with the West Virginian can be reached as the Senate calendar dwindles.

"To his credit, Senator Schumer is much more optimistic than myself," No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Richard Durbin of Illinois told reporters Thursday in Madrid, where Biden and lawmakers were attending a NATO summit. "So perhaps before the end of the year, they'll deliver this miraculous bill, but I'm going to continue to work in the 60-vote environment."

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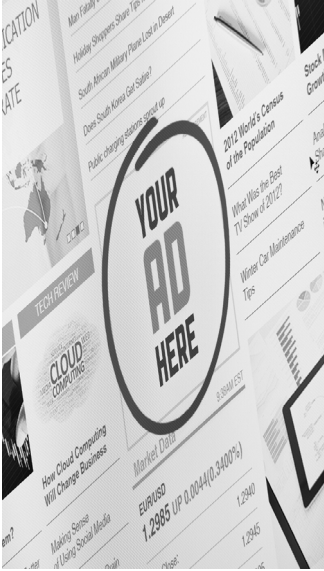
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♠ K Q 5
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♣ K 8 6 4 2

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♠ 6 3 2
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♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ 10 5

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♥ 9 6 5 4
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North	South
♦ Q 6 ♣ K 8 6	♠ 9 ♦ 7 ♣ A 7 3

When South now cashes the nine of spades and discards a club from dummy, East can't afford to part with a club, so he discards the jack of diamonds. Declarer thereupon leads the seven of diamonds and plays low from dummy, forcing East to win with the ace, and the queen of diamonds becomes South's 12th trick.

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can heed these tips.

- Do not drink and drive. Alcohol consumption may accompany Independence Day festivities. For those planning on using a car to get to and from parties, it is essential to designate a driver who will not imbibe. Otherwise, utilize any number of ridesharing services or available taxis.
- Swim smartly. Always swim with a buddy, and consider hiring a lifeguard if you'll be hosting a pool party and cannot keep a watchful eye on guests in the pool. Adults also should not swim intoxicated, as it can impede the ability to stay afloat and may lead to risky behaviors.
- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Watch a

public fireworks display instead of lighting fireworks on the street or in the backyard.

- Exercise caution with sparklers. Kids running around with sparklers in hand could be a recipe for disaster, as sparklers burn extremely hot. Make sure children do not wave them around or others can get burned. Keep a bucket of water handy to properly extinguish the sparklers.
- Review safe boating practices. If July 4th festivities find you out on the water, be sure that life jackets are worn and set boating and water safety rules for the family.
- Check in with a vet. The Fourth of July can be traumatic for pets not accustomed to fireworks and other loud

noises or crowds. Behavior therapy, medication and ensuring that pets do not run away from home and get lost may be necessary.

- Watch food temperatures. Do not leave food out in the hot sun for too long; otherwise, harmful bacteria can grow and potentially cause foodborne illnesses. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service says to never leave food out of refrigeration for more than two hours. If the temperature is above 90 F, food should not be left out for more than one hour. These are some of the safety strategies that can keep Independence Day celebrations both safe and enjoyable.

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Mercury's History Lesson

History can be your best teacher, but with the current antics of Mercury, history is more like the teacher who passes out a test then hides out in the lounge. Recalling the past can be tricky and making meaning out of it even trickier, but valiant efforts will keep you from repeating past mistakes. New mistakes are way more fun!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You feel the unexpressed emotions of others. Because you're intuitive, you'll wonder at what people need in addition to and outside of the things they are actually asking for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'd like to help but aren't sure how. You don't want to be the person who thinks they are helping while they make things worse. So, you take the time to learn what's needed. Respectfully unobtrusive, you'll hang back and observe.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Treat everyone identically and there will be problems. People have different preferences. Trying to meet the individual needs of each is also problematic, plus exhausting! Do what you most enjoy. You'll attract a good fit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). So much of life can be negotiated for those inclined to try. You'll be especially keen in such matters and will consider the first offer a jumping-off place. You'll think of brilliant deals, arrangements and compromises.

LEO (July 23-

Aug. 22). Certain numbers have a resonance for you and it's good luck to see them in your environment, perhaps on a receipt, address or license plate. What's even better luck is when you hit the numbers you've attached to a particular goal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Worry is produced by imagining a frightening future. Take precautions, handle what you can, and then project all that energy into a vision of the future in which you and your loved ones are healthy, wealthy and wise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll split your time between interests and people you adore. There is absolutely no better use of your day, so put off laborious tasks until another day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Following a whim will bring about an auspicious circumstance, but only if the impulse comes to you honestly, and not because you're just trying to get out of the work you told yourself you'd do. Give your inner boss priority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you say "let's get together," you mean business. There's fun to be had with friends and you wouldn't dream of leaving this up to chance. You'll lead in this regard as you follow up with an adventurous plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Each day you gain both skill and awareness that there's exponentially more to learn, giving you the warped sensation of catching up whilst falling further behind. And yet you'll do it anyway, for the love of learning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have ideas about what a loved one should do next for optimum health and success, but unless explicitly asked, the best you can do is continue to be a fine example and trust that something good is coming together for all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those trying to appear normal will come across as weird because only weird people consciously strive for normalcy. You'll embrace anyone struggling to fit in, with the full knowledge that all the best people are weird.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 2). It's a year in which you achieve a remarkable balance of opposites -- freedom with security; passion with practicality; serious play. You'll use your talent to promote the interests of others and take home an award for the team. More highlights: money from a new client or company, a renovation and a cuisine-driven adventure. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 18, 6, 20 and 5.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Cancer Larry David is the ultimate crabby comedian born when Mercury was in Cancer as well. If Cancer natives have a hard-shell exterior, it's only to deflect potential harm to their highly sensitive souls. Humor is the perfect armor. The co-creator of "Seinfeld" and creator of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" was born when the moon was in Capricorn, the sign of moguls. Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.
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July 2, Amelia Earhart disappears

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Saturday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2022. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

On this date:

In 1566, French astrologer, physician and professed prophetier Nostradamus died in Salon (sah-LOHN').

In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau (gee-TOH') at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)

In 1917, rioting erupted in East St. Louis, Illinois, as white mobs attacked Black residents; nearly 50 people, mostly Blacks, are believed to have died in the violence.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gregg v. Georgia, ruled 7-2 that the death penalty was not inherently cruel or unusual.

In 1979, the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin was released to the public.

In 1986, ruling in a pair of cases, the Supreme Court upheld affirmative action as a remedy for past job discrimination.

In 1990, more than 1,400 Muslim pilgrims were killed in a stampede inside a pedestrian tunnel near Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

In 1997, Academy Award-winning actor James Stewart died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 89.

In 2018, rescue divers in Thailand found 12 boys and their soccer coach, who had been trapped by flooding as they explored a cave more than a week earlier.

In 2020, a statement posted on his Twitter account revealed that former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain was being treated for the coronavirus at an Atlanta-area hospital, less than two weeks after attending President Donald Trump's campaign rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma. (Cain died on July 30 of complications from the virus.) British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell was arrested in New Hampshire on charges that she had helped lure at least three girls, "to be sexually abused by the late financier Jeffrey Epstein. (Maxwell would be convicted on five of six counts.)

Ten years ago: Jim Yong Kim began his new job as president of the World Bank, promising to immediately focus on helping poor countries navigate a fragile global economy. The U.S. Justice Department said British drug-maker GlaxoSmithKline would pay \$3 billion in fines for criminal and civil violations involving 10 drugs taken by millions of people.

Five years ago: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was photographed with his family soaking up the sun on a beach he had closed to the public for the Fourth of July weekend because of a government shutdown.

One year ago: After nearly 20 years, U.S. forces in Afghanistan vacated the biggest U.S.

air base there, Bagram Airfield, as part of the final U.S. withdrawal from the country; an Afghan official said dozens of looters then stormed through the gates before Afghan forces regained control. The city of North Miami Beach ordered the evacuation of a condominium building after a review found unsafe conditions about 5 miles from the site of the deadly building collapse eight days earlier. The Supreme Court declined to take up the case of a florist who refused to provide services for a same-sex wedding, leaving in place a decision that she broke Washington state anti-discrimination laws.

Today's Birthdays: Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 93. Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 92. Actor Robert Ito is 91. Actor Polly Holliday is 85. Racing Hall of Famer Richard Petty is 85. Former White House chief of staff and former New Hampshire governor John H. Sununu is 83. Former Mexican President Vicente Fox is 80. Writer-director-comedian Larry David is 75. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, is 75. Actor Saul Rubinek is 74. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 73. Actor Wendy Schaal is 68. Actor-model Jerry Hall is 66. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 61. Country singer Guy Penrod is 59. Rock musician Dave Parsons (Bush) is 57. Actor Yancy Butler is 52. Contemporary Christian musician Melodee DeVevo (Casting Crowns) is 46. Actor Owain (OH'-wyn) Yeoman is 44. Race car driver Sam Hornish Jr. is 43. NHL center Joe Thornton is 43. Singer Michelle Branch is 39. Actor Vanessa Lee Chester is 38. Figure skater Johnny Weir is 38. Actor Nelson Franklin is 37. Actor-singer Ashley Tisdale is 37. Actor Lindsay Lohan (LOH'-uhn) is 36. Actor Margot Robbie is 32. U.S. Olympic swimmer Ryan Murphy is 27.

