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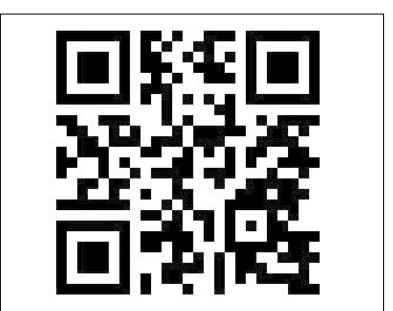
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Howard County Grand Jury hands down 36 indictments for October

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard County Grand Jury handed down 36 indictments for the month of October. Included in the indictments were charges of burglary, assault of public servant, theft of material, intoxication manslaughter, in addition to several charges of possession and distribution.

Other individuals true-billed by the Grand Jury include:

- Matthew Luis Almazan, 34, of 3607 Dixon Street, for theft under \$2,500 with two prior convictions.
- Edward Aguilar, 42, of 1600 Robin, for aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury and aggravated assault with deadly weapon.
- Christina Lynn Avery, 43, of 508 N. Gregg Street, for possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than one gram less than four grams).
- Paula Jean Barber, 57, of 12010 Mulberry, for delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than four grams less than 200 grams).
- Maureen Elizabeth Balcazar, 32, of 607 N. Main Street, for driving while intoxicated with child passenger.
- Larry Bounds, 55, of 1212 E. 17th Street, for evading arrest with vehicle.
- Carolyn Ann Cerbantez, 58, of 607 W. 5th Street, Hale Center, Texas, for driving while intoxicated 3rd or more.
- Kameron Ray Coker, 17, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for unauthorized use of vehicle.
- Manuel Ray Chavarria, 37, of 801 W. Marcy Drive, for credit/debit card abuse.
- Gary Wayne III Ellett, 24, a current resident of the Howard County Jail, for unauthorized use of vehicle.
- Paul Anthony Escobedo, 28, of 209 Waters Avenue, for intoxicated man

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Assisted Living Facilities open visitations back up; Families coming together again



Courtesy photos

Big Spring Center for Skilled Care has officially welcomed visitors back into the facility, while adhering to the orders issued by Governor Abbott. On Thursday afternoon, the first visitation happened since March. Mother and daughter were reunited and able to share a hug, shed a few tears and have a face to face conversation. Precautions and a screening process has been put in place in order to keep residents, staff and visitors as safe as possible during this time.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

As the nation continues to fight the pandemic, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, and nursing homes are starting to see a silver lining. On Sept. 17, Governor Greg Abbott lifted the order that had limited visits to such facilities declaring that as of Sept. 24, facilities would be able – under certain guidelines – to allow in person visits once again.

“I was really happy, excited to hear that I would be able to visit my mom again,” Chris Wrye, Big Spring resident and family member with a loved one at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, said. “It’s always an adventure when we get together. We are laughing, cutting up and having fun.”

With the announcement from Governor Abbott that all visitations would be halted due to the coronavirus pandemic, Wrye – as were many other families in the same situation across the nation – was worried, concerned and upset that the daily contact she had with her mother was coming to an abrupt halt. Wrye’s mother, Marilyn Chamberlain, who has been in an assisted living facility for most of the past year is for the most part a happy, go-lucky kind of lady who is in good spirits most of the time. Even with the positive attitude, Wrye admitted it was concerning knowing that her daily visits were about to change drastically.

“Before all of this happened I would go visit my mom on my way to work and when I got off of work sometimes,” she said.

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Weekly COVID update released; case increase reflected in numbers

Editor’s Note: The City of Big Spring and Howard County, along with E-MerGENCY Management issued the weekly Covid-19 update for the week of September 25. The press release reads as follows:

City of Big Spring

COVID-19 UPDATE

Week of September 28th, 2020

ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES: 404

Tests Performed	6872		
Results Pending	22	Patients Recovered	396
Confirmed Positive	832	Patient Follow Up Pending	17
Negative Tests	6018	Patient Fatalities	15

patients recovered, an increase of 80. Unfortunately, there was one COVID-19 related fatality this week, an 84-year-old female. This is the 15th COVID-19 related death in our community. County and City officials are saddened by this news and we extend our deepest condolences to her family members. We ask that you keep this family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The dramatic increase in positive cases continues to be attributed to an outbreak at the Federal Correctional Institution and the GEO units in Big Spring. Of the

total of 832 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. The number of active cases increased from 377 to 404, an increase of 27 cases from last week. The total number of people recovered from COVID-19 also increased; we have 396

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Obituaries

James (Jim) Otis Logan

James (Jim) Otis Logan, 83, of Big Spring, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020. Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, at 11 a.m. with Bishop Bruce Jaeger officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jim was born on May 26, 1937, to Omi Logan in Coahoma. A 1955 high school graduate, Jim served 10 years in the military. Four of those years were in the US Airforce with the other six years in the Navy. After that time, he worked for the US Postal system for 25 years and 20 years in the Howard College mailroom as a supervisor. He felt honored to serve the Howard College

administration, staff, faculty and students.

He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He is survived by his wife: Joyce Logan of Big Spring; three stepchildren: Howard Smith and his wife Sherri of Waco, Patti Stanford and her husband Tim of Odessa, and Terry Smith and his wife Jessica of Wichita Falls; nine grandchildren: Emily Altamirano, Ashley Smith, Andrew Smith, Daniel Smith, Samuel Smith, Robert Smith, Patience Smith, Alex Stanford, and Nicki Lomax; three great grandchildren and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother: Omi Moore Logan; two brothers: Melvin Logan and Bill Logan; and one sister, Marie Logan.

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

Paid Obituary

Take Note

• CASA of West Texas will hold two virtual information sessions; the first was Sept. 30 and the next will follow on Oct. 14. Both will be held at 12:30 p.m. and is free to attend. Registration is required and can be done on the CASA website, where the Zoom link will also be provided.

• The West Texas VA Health System will be providing drive-thru flu clinics. The dates for the surrounding area include: Clinic dates (all times 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.) George H. O'Brien, Jr. VAMC – Monday, Oct. 5, 2020; Abilene CBOC – Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020; Wilson & Young Medal of Honor CBOC – Monday, Oct. 19, 2020.

• A new group has started in Howard County. It is made up of people of all ages and genders who want to be better than they are. The focus of the fledgling organization is to engage in meaningful discussions that promote personal growth. Additionally, the yet to be named organization will plan and execute worthwhile activities within the community. There is no membership fee and attendance is not taken. The only requirements are that you be positive or want to be more positive than you are, consider yourself to be a good person but want to be better than you are, and that you have a desire to help others be better too. Childcare is available during the discussion time if you let us know. Topics to be avoided include Religion and Politics, though we can dance around them.

The unnamed group is being sponsored by the local Masons and it meets in the Masonic Lodge on the court square. It is not necessary that you have any masonic affiliation to participate in this Growth Group. All Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed as defined by local, state, and federal authorities.

At this time refreshments will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and not share. The next meeting is Sept. 17, 2020, at 7 p.m. at 219 South Main Big Spring, Texas. For more information write to Colonel.Allen.M.Morris@Gmail.com or just come to the meeting.

• Coahoma Lion's Club Trade Day will be held Sept. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Downtown Coahoma. There will be food, arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, clothing, and more. This will be in conjunction with Coahoma City Wide Garage Sale. Please practice social distancing at six feet and face masks are recommended. For more information, call 432-394-4287.

• The Senior Supper Club has come out of hibernation to resume its normal Tuesday evening dinners. The Senior Supper Club of Howard County will meet for its normal dinner meeting at Spanish Inn on Tuesday October 6, 2020. The Come-One-Come-All group will be meeting on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and orders will be placed around 5:30 p.m. after much socializing from a distance.

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slaughter.

- Esteen Denae Farmer, 22, a current resident of the Howard County Jail, for unauthorized use of vehicle.
- Libby Anne Felts, 37, of 802 W. 3rd Street, for possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).
- Michael Angelo Garza, 32, of 804 W. I-20, for evading arrest with previous conviction (x2), assault on public servant, harassment by public servant, and evading arrest with vehicle.
- John Glenn Hamilton, 32, a current resident of the Howard County Jail, for burglary of building (x2).
- James Henry Jr. Hardmon, 32, of 2002 S. Johnson Street, for delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than one gram less than four grams) (x2).
- Adrianna Marie Harrison, 31, of 505 NW. 8th, for unauthorized use of vehicle.
- Joel Brent Howard, 59, of 4100 Callahan Road, for driving while intoxicated 3rd or more.
- Jose Manuel III Jimenez, 25, of 803 Rosemont Street, for aggravated assault with deadly weapon (x2).
- Lionso III Jimenez, 41, a current resident of the Howard County Jail, for robbery, unlaw-

ful possession of firearm by felon, and deadly conduct/discharge of firearm.

- Gabriel Eric Johnson, 30, of 1701 Tradewinds Boulevard, Midland, Texas, for unlawful possession of firearm by felon and possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).
- Lorenzo Orlando Love, 29, of 2513 Chanute Drive, for theft of firearm, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, and delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than one gram less than four grams).
- Ryan McKiernan, 18, a current resident of the Howard County Jail, for aggravated assault with deadly weapon (x2).
- Victoria McCluskey, 37, of 803 Atlantic Avenue, Coahoma, Texas, for possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than four grams less than 200 grams).
- Samantha Louise Meyer, 35, of a current resident of the Howard County Jail, for possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than on gram).
- Jerry James Miears, 36, a current resident of the Howard County Jail, for aggravated assault with deadly weapon.
- Anna Rhea Nickle, 39, of 1604 E. 16th Street, for possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).
- Angel Hilario Ramirez, 28, of

607 S. Bell, for burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.

- Sonica Narro Rea, 41, of 612 Baylor Boulevard, for driving while intoxicated with child passenger.
- Freddy Cano Jr. Rodriguez, 33, of 701 E. 13th Street, for possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).
- Katherine Delores Scaggs, 49, of 2400 S. Monticello, for possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than one gram less than four grams).
- Krystal Marie Servantes, 32, of 302 NE. 6th, for possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than four grams less than 200 grams).
- Gregory Denorise Smith, 39, of 4010 Opal Avenue, Dallas, Texas, for delivery of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than one gram less than four grams).
- Victor Soberson, 28, of 305 23rd Street, possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than four grams less than 200 grams).
- Joshua Nathanael Spivey, 24, a current resident of the Howard County Jail, for unauthorized use of vehicle and evading arrest/vehicle.
- A.L. III Thompson, 41, of 1201 Pickens Street, for theft of material.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Harding. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of W. 5th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6600 block of Craig Road. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Lynn Drive. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset Avenue. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. (x2)
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veteran Boulevard. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3300 block of E. FM

700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of W. 5th 1920. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Runnels. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4000 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Neoma Clanton

Neoma Clanton, 95, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 2, 2020.

Visitation will be 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside Service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park with Doug Shelley, Pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **EMILIA ALVAREZ**, 33, of 402 NE. 11th Street, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram) and warrant – other agency.
- **AKKEY THAQUION MCVAE**, 22, of 806 Ohio Street, was arrested on charges of theft property (less than \$100 shoplifting) and criminal trespass.
- **AMANDA LEE VARGAS**, 34, of 3919 Monty, Midland, Texas, was arrested on charges of public intoxication, and warrant – other agency (x2).
- **MAX O. GONZALES**, 38, of 1801 Eubanks Road, was arrested on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of E. 3rd Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of S. Goliad Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1800 block of Eubanks Road.
- **THEFT** was reported at in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3400 block of E. FM 700.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1200 block of Pickens Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of E. 3rd Street.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1500 block of E. Cherokee Street.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EMILIA ALVAREZ**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on charges of theft property (greater than or equal to \$100 less than \$750) and possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).
- **BETTY HARDIN BARNETT**, 63, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram).
- **RICHARD ANYTHONY FLORES**, 29, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group two (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams).
- **MAX O. GONZALES**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member.
- **AKKEY MCVAE**, 22, was arrested by BSPD pm charges of theft (less than \$100) and criminal trespass.
- **JAMES ELTON SHERROD**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of motion to revoke parole/possession of a controlled substance penalty group one.
- **AMANDA LEE VARGAS**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, probation violation/evading arrest detention and probation violation/possession of a controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams).

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BBB Study: Virtual Vehicle Vendor and Escrow Scams

BBB Column

Used car sales – and scams involving vehicles – have surged during the pandemic. Buyers shop for a used car online and ask to see it in person, but the seller uses COVID-19 as an excuse to avoid meeting. The buyer sends the money to purchase the car, but it never arrives.

Scammers will use photos and descriptions from other advertisements to sell a vehicle that doesn't exist. Once a buyer decides they want the car, they are asked to wire money to a third-party escrow business, which is actually operated by the scammer.

A September 2020 BBB study on virtual vehicle vendor scams revealed consumers age 55 – 64 were the largest demographic reporting this type of fraud to Scam Tracker. Of those reporting escrow

scams, 41% reported losing money, and the study projects more than \$1 million will be lost in 2020.

How can you recognize a scam like this? Red flags include prices far below market value, refusing to meet in person and claiming emotional or urgent reasons for the vehicle needing to be sold quickly. Fraudulent sellers insist it is safe to send them money, and the transaction is protected by an independent third-party shipping company. Scammers often use eBay's name to seem more legitimate. They may even use fake invoices with eBay Motors letterhead.

If you're looking to purchase a car online, use these tips from your Better Business Bureau to avoid escrow scams:

Do your research. Reverse engine search images of the car or look up any unusual phrases in the description. You can also use Who.is to learn how

long escrow or shipping company websites have been active. Comparing it to how long the company claims to have been operating can help you determine the website's validity.

Shop smart. As you consider different cars, check their Kelley Blue Book value so you can recognize prices that are suspiciously low. When you are ready to buy, refrain from paying over wire transfer or prepaid gift cards. Pay with a credit card, which can protect you if you need to dispute a charge.

Get a vehicle history report. You can request a vehicle history report from Carfax or AutoCheck. Vehicle history reports show not only its accident and service history, but ownership history as well. This can help verify the car you are purchasing is legitimate.

Visit BBB.org to read the full study.

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. The next session beginning Sept. 3, 2019. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

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 trau-

matic 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 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

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

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Jo Ogle, 70, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Logan, 83, died Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Neoma Clanton, 95, died Friday. Visitation will be 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside Service will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

CASES

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404 active cases in Howard County this week, 384 are inmates at FCI Big Spring and GEO Big Spring. Only 20 cases are Howard County/Big Spring residents. This is an increase of two community cases from last week. FCI Big Spring continues its efforts to contain this outbreak by working with health care professionals daily to stop the spread and ensure the safety of their inmates and staff.

Big Spring and Howard County's COVID-19 statistics continue to improve; however, County and City officials still urge community members to take every precaution to protect yourself and your family members. Please continue to practice social distancing, stay home when possible, wash your hands frequently, and wear a mask while in public areas. These are all things you can do to help prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming ill from any respiratory illness including COVID-19.

VISIT

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"When the in person visits stopped those daily visits turned into maybe two or three times a week through a window visits."

Families with loved ones in nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and assisted living facilities, over the past few months have become creative in finding ways to stay in contact with loved ones. Residents at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care have had window visits, phone calls, zoom calls, to help ease the transition. On Tuesday afternoon, BSCSC welcomed their first guest into the building and the reunion was sweet.

"It was a really good visit. I cried when I saw her (my mom). She was happy, as she always is," Wrye said. "The staff, Christy, Linda, and Diane have truly been lifesavers. They have taken such good care of my mom and have been a huge help through all of this."

According to Governor Abbott's orders to make in person visits safe for all involved and to continue to slow the spread, facilities are tasked with maintaining certain guidelines for visitors. In accordance with these orders, BSCSC has issued guidelines to family members and caregivers. Included in their visitation process, at this time only essential caregivers – which are to be chosen by the resident - are allowed to visit inside the facility. Each resident is allowed up to two essential caregivers and each visitors must have a Covid-19 test showing they are negative no more

than 14 days old. Upon entering the facility visitors will be provided with full personal protective equipment (PPE) and training on the proper use. They will have their temperature checked and answer screening questions upon arrival. Escorts will be provided in and out of the facility and only interaction with the resident is allowed.

"You have to go through a process, but it's worth it. I don't want to bring in anything to my mom, the residents or the staff. It's overwhelming at first, but you just have to remember it's for everyone's safety."

After each visit, the area is deep cleaned and residents and their visitors will perform hand hygiene. Visits are set by appointment only and are allotted 45 minutes. Upon arrival caregivers must provide ID and proof of a negative Covid status. BSCSC has also placed their infection control practices on their website at <http://bigspringcenterforskilledcare.com>.

"Not being able to see my mom was hard, and there were times it got to me, but what helped was I knew she was being taken care of," she said. "I encourage anyone going through this to be understanding and if you have questions call up to the facility."

For those wanting to set up a visit or find out more information, call Big Spring Center for Skilled Care at 432-606-5012. In addition to face to face visits, virtual visits are also taking place.

Amanda Duforat is the Managing Editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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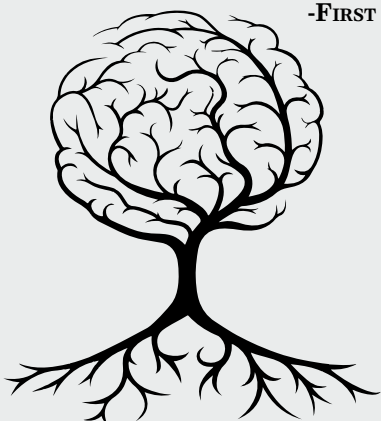
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DAILY PRAYER

With You, Lord, in mind we can come up with awesome new ideas.
Amen

Chili season is upon us

I met H. Allen Smith at his home in Alpine in 1969. He was a big deal celebrity: Hollywood screen writer, nationally syndicated newspaper columnist, an author of magazine articles in Esquire and similar magazines and a frequent guest on television talk shows. His books stayed on the bestseller list a hundred days at a time. He was profiled by Edward R. Murrow. H. Allen was a humorist. He coined the phrase “To Hell in a Handbasket.” Once when he looked up a word in a dictionary he discovered the example of how the word was used happened to be something he had written. He moved to Alpine from Mt. Kisco, New York in 1967. I went to interview him about chili.

H. Allen is responsible for our Texas Chili Culture that began after he wrote a magazine article stating he made the best chili in the world. The Austin chili maker Wick Fowler challenged

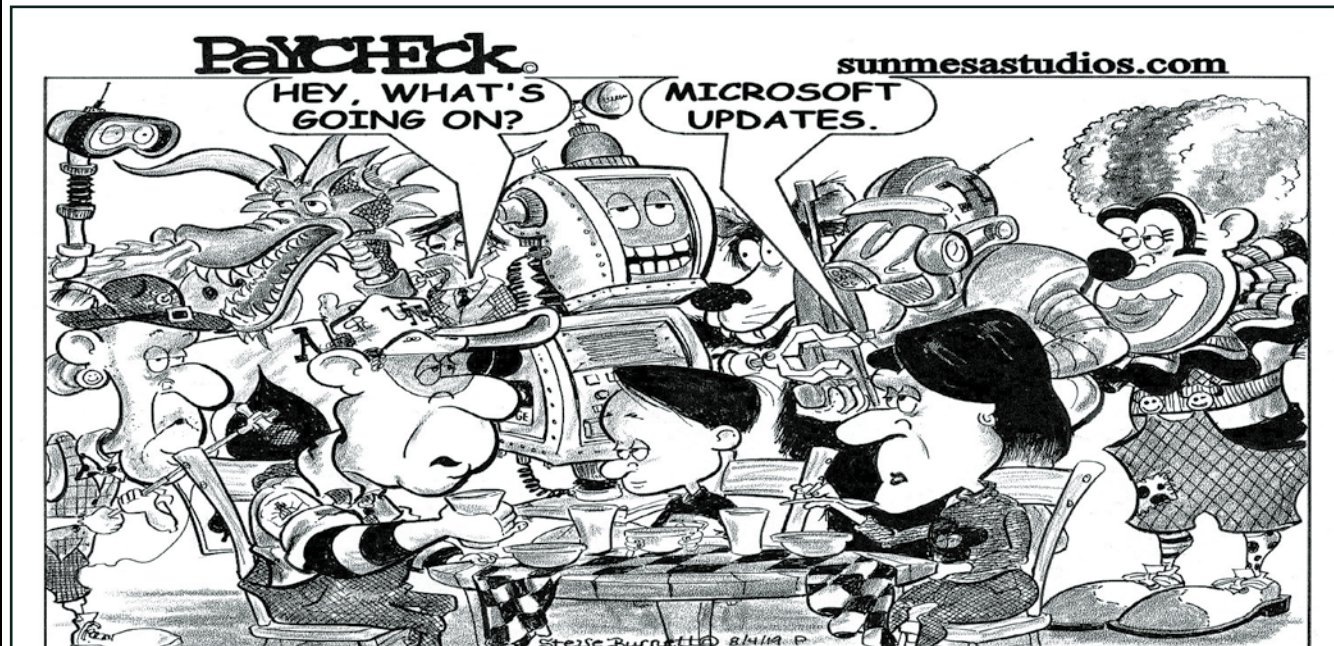
H. Allen's claim and they staged the world's first chili cook-off in Terlingua in the fall of 1967. It ended in a tie.

H. Allen judged various cook-offs all over the country where cooks prepared items like sausage, tamales, menudo and barbeque. “Some of it not fit to serve to a starving jackal,” he said. He turned down the chance to sample Goat Gut Tacos in Laredo. He commented on the Texans' love of beef.

“Some Texans hate to even say the word pig.” He has judged such chili entries as Mouth of Hell Chili, Cedar Rat Chili, Crawfish Chili, Jackrabbit Chili, Coyote Short Ribs Chili, Cabrito Chili, Armadillo Chili, Javelina Knuckles Chili, Buffalo Hump Chili, Roadrunner Chili, Raccoon Chili and Gator Tail Chili. Some cooks spice up the chili with mescal or other drinks made from desert plants. “It'll grow hair on an anvil. A man could get more flavor from a set of stewed piano keys. Some chili cooks know less about a good bowl of chili than a pregnant sow knows about Neiman Marcus. Sometimes when I even get



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good job

Dear Editor:

I think our Mayor has been trying to promote a little discipline in the troops. I think it is needed.

*Marrellour Weaver
Big Spring*

A visionary gift

At the time of year when parents, children and teachers were committing to take on a new school year, our son-in-law Bryan Choate and our grandchildren Ben, 19, and Brittin, 16, were dealing with the sudden death of Julie (Mrs. Bryan) Choate.

Bryan's wife and the children's mother, she died of a pulmonary embolism at the prime of her professional life as principal of McCall Elementary School in Aledo. At age 50, she was the oldest of our three daughters, all of whom have degrees in elementary education.

The family has received hundreds of expressions of sympathy, but a letter received recently helped to lessen the sting of her death. It was a “thank you” message from the Texas Donor Registry.

Julie signed up several years ago, and her organ donor wishes were noted on her driver's license.

More than once, she mentioned her endorsement of this program, thinking they wouldn't have much use for her eyes....

Bryan was surprised to learn that lenses from Julie's eyes became successful implants for two fellow Texans who now have restored sight.

Their names are not known.

One is a 48-year-old woman, and the other, a 63-year-old man.

Julie was big on both extending-and claiming-grace. It was at the core of her being.

At Aledo High School's opening football game against Weatherford, mothers of the team's trainers handed out pin-on but-

tons to student trainers with the message trainer Brittin Choate has heard around her house for years:

“Grace Changes Everything.”

In Spain-as well as several other European nations-organ donations are encouraged in a different manner.

It is assumed that deceased persons are participants for the organ donor program UNLESS they choose to “opt out.” Last year, 2,183 participants in Spain allowed harvesting of their organs, thus making possible 5,260 transplants.

Less than 30% of Americans are registered. Even though only about 2% of participants' deaths result in actual transplants due to multiple factors, we can do better! We can register when applying for

a new or renewal Texas drivers' license. Here's a sobering statistic: More than 10,000 Texans are awaiting donors.

Much of life is, of course, dumbfounding. There's no end to trivia that sets my head spinning in absolute wonderment.

In my “spin-the-bottle” approach to most days, my mind often settles in lowland fog where there are so many opportunities for “I dunno” observations.

Many thoughts center on TV commercials.

Who can forget the little old lady who throws a tire through a Discount Tire store window, taking seriously the invitation to “bring it back” should her affection for DTS go south?

a whiff of some types of chili, I make a noise like when you pour hot butter into a panther's ear.”

H. Allen and I became close friends. I interviewed him many times after we had enjoyed a bowl of red at his table. The first time I met him I was working at a radio station. The second time we visited I had just been fired. He was most encouraging and told me, “Now you can do something.”

We corresponded over the years and I treasure his letters. When he died in 1976 his widow Nelle told me I could have anything in his office. I took 2 photographs and the typewriter he had used to produce 43 novels. The photographs are on the wall of my studio and I donated the typewriter to Sul Ross State University in Alpine, which has the H. Allen Smith archives.

The first Thanksgiving after H. Allen passed away, Nelle came to our house near Fort Davis for dinner. We kept up with her after she moved to Florida. We visited her there. H. Allen wrote about people named Smith. “If your last name is Smith, you need to have some kind of catchy first name.”

He liked calling me Tumbleweed. I have several of his books and read them often.

The ad still runs occasionally, having won numerous awards for effectiveness and longevity.

I liked Wendy's ad featuring the late Clara Peller, who had trouble finding the beef. However, it had a fairly short run.

Wendy's current ad set me to thinking. It brags that their breakfast items feature “hand-cracked” eggs.

Why, pray tell, is this worth crowing about? It has never occurred to me that how the innards of an egg are extracted makes a whit of difference.

On the rare occasions when we frequent oriental restaurants-where the chef prepares meals mere inches from our drooling lips-his/her mastery of eggshell demolition via spinning, spatula-tossing and cracking with the spatula involves “zero” hand-cracking. So what?

They're rolling out some “virtual state fair” stuff-mostly food favorites-for folks who are weary of COVID-19 shutdowns. There are a few drive-through food stands, and for state fair enthusiasts who yearn for a “real” Ferris Wheel, there's a-mortal eatery that features a “real” Ferris Wheel. It's called Ferris Wheelers Backyard and BBQ.

Visitors may have professional photographs made with Big Tex, the heralded “hello guy” at the fair entrance.

State Fair moguls project THE BEST-EVER production in 2021, but are asking for grace this year. Julie Choate would have granted it without batting an eye.

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Coahoma falls to No. 11-ranked Sonora in three sets on Friday



Courtesy Photo/Coahoma ISD

MaKynlee Overton makes contact with the ball in Friday night's hard-fought loss to the Sonora Lady Broncos.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Coahoma Bulldogettes were down two sets to none on Friday night against district rival Sonora when, instead of folding, they showed a great amount of heart and resiliency in putting together a valiant comeback attempt.

The No. 23 Coahoma Bulldogettes fell just short of pushing their match-up against the visiting district rival No.11 Sonora Lady Broncos to a fifth set but ultimately lost in four sets (21-25, 17-25, 25-22, 22-25).

"They honestly never quit on the floor and that's one of the things I'm most proud of with them tonight," Head Volleyball Coach Jamie Bonner said. "It doesn't matter if it goes three

sets or five sets, we can't stop playing our game."

Bonner was very satisfied with her team's effort against a top-notch opponent and thinks that they will take some teaching points from Friday's game into their next slate of matches. "We need to start moving quicker," the coach said.

Senior Ashley Romero stepped up for the Bulldogettes when they needed it most.

"When we needed her leadership and her intensity level she really stepped up," Bonner said.

The Bulldogettes will head to Crane next Tuesday for their next matchup on their district schedule. It should be a great game between two overall evenly-matched squads.

Westbrook Wildcats take down Garden City 69-24 at home



HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran

Garden City kicker Nick Lara lines up to attempt the point-after try for the Bearkats during Friday night's loss.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The undefeated Westbrook Wildcats (6-0) defeated the Garden City Bearkats (3-3) by a final score of 69-24 on Friday night in front of a lively crowd at Wildcat Stadium.

The game was defined by the fast and creative Westbrook offense consistently being able to drive down the field and into the end zone for all three quarters that were played Friday. The game was ended after the 45-point rule was met with just a few seconds remaining on the clock in the third quarter.

The Bearkats trailed the Wildcats 48-12 at halftime and gave up a score on the opening drive of the third quarter. Garden City bounced back

with a touchdown of their own on the ensuing drive when quarterback Matthew Espinoza sprinted his way into the end zone from around 40 yards out.

The strong Westbrook defense made it tough for Garden City to move the ball on their other drives in the third quarter. The game came to an end when Westbrook came up with a quick sack and forced fumble that Jake Walters scooped up and returned for another Wildcat score.

The extra point was a successful run to the right side and the game was over between the two West Texas six-man football squads.

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Logan Takes Lead At Semifinal Round Of Bassmaster Elite Series Event On Lake Guntersville

SCOTTSBORO, Ala. — The good news for Wes Logan is that he's leading the NOCO Bassmaster Elite at Lake Guntersville heading into Championship Saturday.

The bad news is he says he's fresh out of ideas.

The rookie from Springville, Ala., caught five bass that weighed 16 pounds, 2 ounces during Friday's semifinal round, pushing his three-day total to 49-0 and giving him little more than a 1-pound lead.

As for what Saturday holds? He couldn't say.

"I think my area is shot," Logan said after making his first career Elite Series Top 10. "I think the pressure finally got to it. There were a bunch of local boats on it today, and I think they beat it up pretty good."

"If I'm gonna win, I'm gonna have to find something else."

As tough as Friday may have been for Logan, his catch of 16-2 was the second-largest of the day behind Texas pro Randy Sullivan, who caught 17-15 to move into second place.

Logan has spent most of the tournament flipping grass mats with a 1 1/2-ounce Ark Tungsten weight, a 4/0 straight-shank hook and a rotation of soft plastics that includes a Zoom Z Craw, a Zoom Z Craw Jr. and a beaver-style bait — all in black and blue.

After exhausting the stretch of water that has been so good to him this week, he ran a new 300-yard stretch Thursday, landing a 4-pounder and losing a bass he estimated to be more than 5 pounds.

That will likely be his starting point Saturday.

"There might be a few more fish through there," Logan said. "I'll probably just settle down on that stretch tomorrow and see what I can make happen. If I get a bite there at all, it might be a good one."

"I haven't seen too many boats

fishing there, but right now I just don't know. With the way everyone is packed in together, if I can get five more bites of any description I'll be happy."

Logan knows he doesn't have much margin for error with all of the remaining Top 10 anglers within 5 1/2 pounds of him. Sullivan, who caught 18-8 on Day 1 and then slipped a bit with 11-7 on Day 2, poses the most immediate threat to the leader after rebounding with his big bag on Friday.

Like much of the field this week, Sullivan lamented the half-hearted way the bass seem to be biting — and he said it may have cost him a chance at an even bigger limit with a crankbait Friday.

"I missed a couple of giant ones that would have probably given me 20 pounds," he said. "The fish are reloading in the areas I'm fishing, but every single fish I have caught was barely hooked."

"I've tried every variety, every color and everything else, but it doesn't seem to make a difference. It's nerve-racking every time you set the hook."

Behind Logan and Sullivan are five anglers within 2 pounds of one another, including Luke Palmer in third place with 47-4. The Oklahoma pro caught 15-14 Friday to make his second Elite Series Top 10.

Palmer has openly said all week that it's been hard to actually get bass in the boat after setting the hook. He agreed that tentative strikes may be at least partly to blame.

"I lost a 4-pounder on topwater this morning and threw that same bait up a little further and lost one about 3 pounds," he said. "I was a nervous wreck all day because of stuff like that, and it's been that way all week."

"I watched those two fish this morning come up on that topwater bait and literally just hit it with their mouth closed."

Sands grabs big 57-12 win over Patton Springs on Thursday



Courtesy Photo/Sands ISD

Riley Webb runs down the field as he is chased by two Patton Springs defenders in Thursday night's win over the Rangers.

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Sands Mustangs traveled to Patton Springs on Thursday night to challenge the Rangers in a 1A Six-Man Varsity football game. After dominating from the opening kickoff, Sands went home with a huge 57-12 victory over Patton Springs.

Quarterback Riley Webb rushed 12 times for 139 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Mustangs as their Offensive Player of the Week. Webb added 71 more yards passing as he went 7-for-7 in the game. Anthony Aguilar completed 4-of-5 of his passes for 63 yards and four touchdowns.

Wide receiver Tristan Reed caught four

passes for 59 yards and three touchdowns and Alex Martinez came up with the other receiving score for Sands on his only catch of the game.

Following a Patton Springs touchdown early in the first quarter, Sands went on to score 44 unanswered points to run away with the lead and the game. The Rangers finally scored again on a 33-yard rush early in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 44-12. Then, Webb and Michael Diaz scored two more rushing touchdowns for the Mustangs to reach the 45-point rule that ended the game.

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NFL SCHEDULE WEEK FOUR

Away Team		Home Team	Time of Game
Indianapolis Colts (2-1)	@	Chicago Bears (3-0)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Jacksonville Jaguars (1-2)	@	Cincinnati Bengals (0-2-1)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Cleveland Browns (2-1)	@	Dallas Cowboys (1-2)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
New Orleans Saints (1-2)	@	Detroit Lions (1-2)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Seattle Seahawks (3-0)	@	Miami Dolphins (1-2)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Los Angeles Chargers (1-2)	@	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2-1)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Baltimore Ravens (2-1)	@	Washington Football (1-2)	12:00 p.m. (CBS)
Arizona Cardinals (2-1)	@	Carolina Panthers (1-2)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Minnesota Vikings (0-3)	@	Houston Texans (0-3)	12:00 p.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh Steelers (3-0)	@	Tennessee Titans (3-0)	Postponed
New York Giants (0-3)	@	Los Angeles Rams (2-1)	3:05 p.m. (FOX)
New England Patriots (2-1)	@	Kansas City Chiefs (3-0)	3:25 p.m. (CBS)
Buffalo Bills (3-0)	@	Las Vegas Raiders (2-1)	3:25 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia Eagles (0-2-1)	@	San Francisco 49ers (2-1)	7:20 p.m. (NBC)
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Atlanta Falcons (0-3)	@	Green Bay Packers (3-0)	7:15 p.m. (ESPN)

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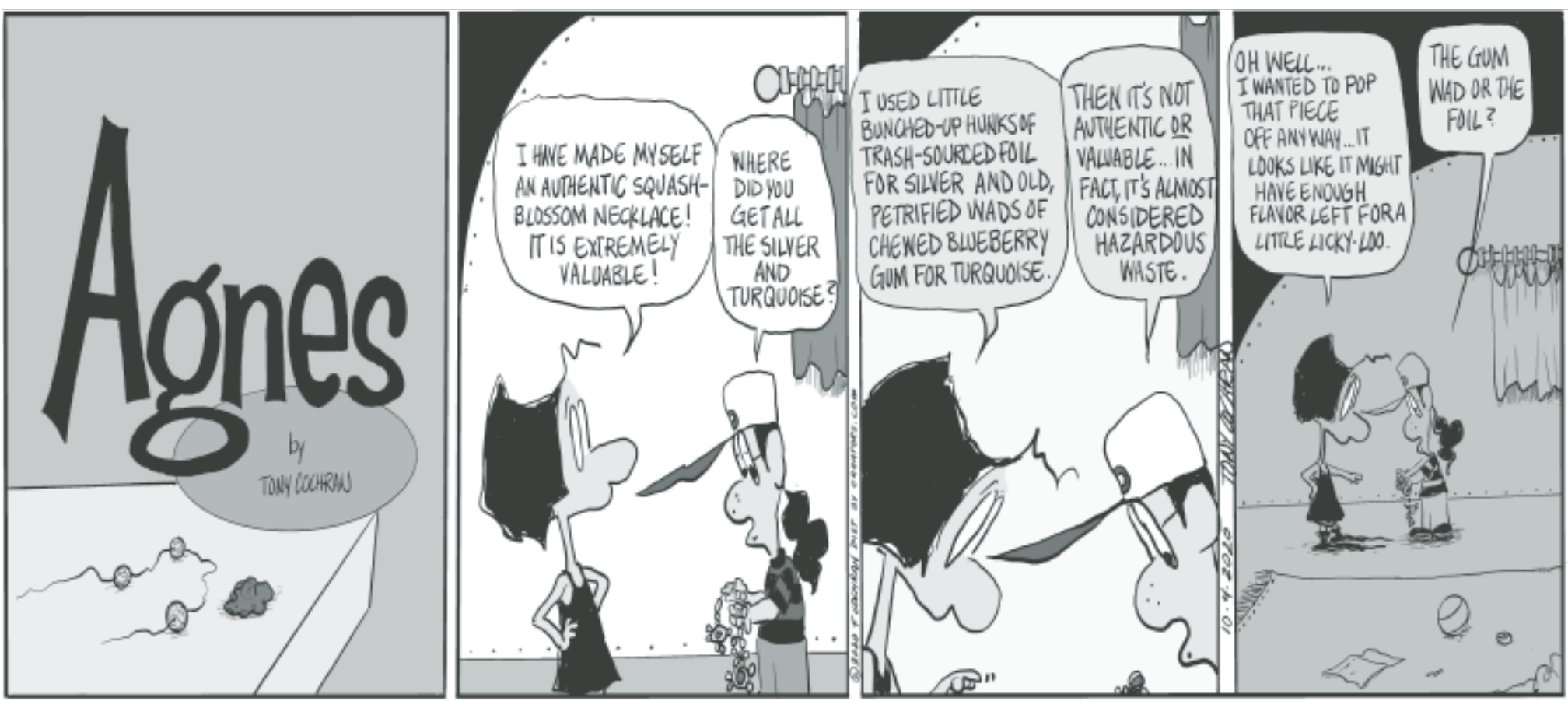
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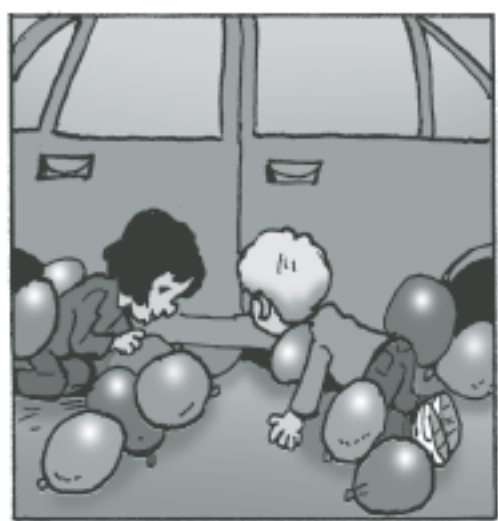
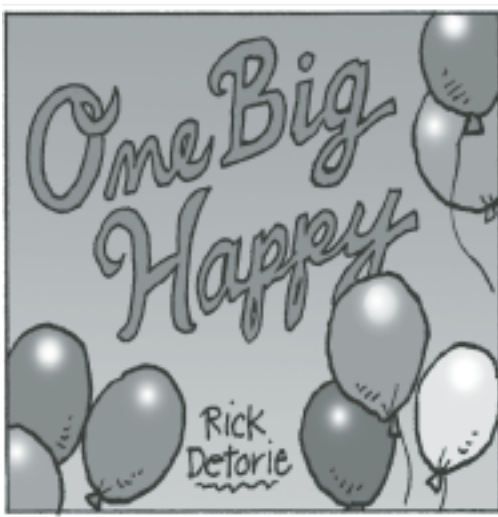
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Check this out, at the library this week

There have been some headlines in the news about the census deadline and while those outcomes are still being determined the Census is still accepting responses. That means that as of today, you still have time to get counted on the 2020 Census at my2020census.gov you can also give them a call at (844) 330-2020. Additionally, the library has dedicated computers to help you respond to the census, no appointment or library card is needed.

The results of the census will impact Howard County for the next ten years. Remind friends and family to respond to the census today.

This week's reviews include western and fiction titles in large print format.

Striking ruthlessly out of the night, the Ghost Riders are the most brutal band of outlaws ever to plague Texas in *"The Ghost Riders"* (LP W GRI J) By James J. Griffin. Leaving death and devastation behind them, they raid town after town, slaughtering, looting, and burning.

Dressed in robes that conceal their identity and seemingly unharmed by bullets, the Ghost Riders may not even be human. Facing the greatest challenge of his career, legendary Texas Ranger Jim Blawczyk sets out on the trail of the Ghost Riders, accompanied by his partners Smoky McCue and Jim Huggins. Blawczyk is confident that no owl

hoot is immune to Ranger lead. What he doesn't know, however, is that before this case is over, the deadly threat of the Ghost Riders will reach out and touch his own family.

Sienna Scott grew up in the dark shadow of her mother's paranoid delusions in *"The Look Alike"* (LP F SPI E) By Erica Spindler.

Now, she's returned home to confront her past and an unsolved murder that haunts her. In her mother's shuttered house, Sienna's old fear that she was the killer's target that night rears its ugly head. And now she has a new fear: that the killer intends to remedy his past mistake. But are these fears any different from the ones that torment her mother?

As the walls close in, the line between truth and lie, reality and delusion disintegrate. Has Sienna's worst nightmare come true? Or will she unmask a killer and finally prove she may be her mother's look-alike but she's not her clone?

Could a lifetime of memories be a lifetime of lies? In *"A Family of Strangers"* (LP F RIC E) By Emilie Richards, Ryan Gracey has spent her life watching her perfect older sister from afar. Knowing she could never top Wendy's achievements, Ryan forged her own path while her family barely noticed.

The sisters' choices have taken them in different directions, which is why Ryan is stunned when Wendy calls begging for help. There's been a murder and Wendy believes she'll be wrongfully accused. Ryan digs for answers, yet the trail of clues

leads to nothing but questions. What does Ryan owe a sister who becomes more and more a stranger with every revelation? Is Wendy, who always seemed so perfect, just a perfect liar or worse?

Home is the place to heal, right? That's what Dillon Michaels is hoping in *"The Happy Camper"* (LP F CAR M) By Melody Carlson, as she leaves her disappointing career and love life behind to help her grandfather on his small Oregon farm.

Unfortunately her eccentric mother beat her there and has taken over Dillon's old room. After a few nights sleeping on the sofa, Dillon is ready to give up. But then she receives an unlikely gift: her grandfather's run-down vintage camp trailer. She plans to restore the trailer with the help of Jordan Atwood, the handsome owner of the local hardware store. But just when things are finally beginning to run smoothly, Dillon's noncommittal ex-boyfriend shows up with roses and a ring.

"Each book was a world unto itself, and in it I took refuge." – Alberto Manguel

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Titans back to waiting after NFL postpones game vs. Steelers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans find themselves back in a waiting mode, hoping the NFL allows them back inside their headquarters by Tuesday.

Their game against the Pittsburgh Steelers is now postponed until later in the season because of the league's first COVID-19 outbreak.

The NFL postponed Sunday's game in Nashville after one additional Titans player and one personnel member tested positive for COVID-19. The announcement Thursday morning came a day after the league said it hoped to play the game either Monday or Tuesday. The NFL said a new game date will be announced "shortly."

Coach Mike Vrabel informed his Titans of the newest positive tests and the NFL's decision to postpone the game at a team meeting Thursday morning. That puts Tennessee — and Pittsburgh — on a bye week several weeks ahead of schedule.

Vrabel said they hope to be allowed

back inside their building Monday or Tuesday.

"I told them to try to mentally recover from an emotional few days, so that we can proceed with our season, build on a 3-0 start," Vrabel said.

When the Titans are allowed back inside their facility depends on the daily testing results. They had one positive test last Saturday with outside linebackers coach Shane Bowen, which prevented him from traveling with Tennessee to Minnesota for a 31-30 win. The Vikings returned to work at their facility Thursday.

The Titans are scheduled to host Buffalo (3-0) on Oct. 11 depending on the results of daily testing.

On Tuesday, the Titans (3-0) placed three players on the reserve/COVID-19 list, including defensive captain and lineman DaQuan Jones and long snapper Beau Brinkley. Outside linebacker Kamalei Correa became the fourth on that list Wednesday, and rookie cornerback Kristian Fulton

became the fifth Thursday.

With the two new cases, the Titans' total is now 12: five players and seven other organization members since last Saturday. Vrabel said he's very confident the Titans have followed the contact tracing protocol to identify anyone at risk from being close together.

"So we'll see what happens tomorrow when we get those results back," Vrabel said.

The NFL decided to postpone the game "to ensure the health and safety of players, coaches and game day personnel." The league also said the Titans cannot have any in-person activities until further notice with the facility remaining closed.

The league also sent a memo Thursday detailing new steps for teams dealing with a COVID-19 outbreak or exposed to a team, such as Minnesota. Those include a POC test in addition to the daily PCR test, virtual meetings and facemasks and gloves for

everyone at practice until cleared to return to less stringent protocols.

Vrabel said the Titans also likely will have some new protocols to follow once they get back into the building. He did not elaborate.

The Titans already had a couple of players on the reserve-COVID-19 list, with defensive back Greg Maybin, who was signed to the practice squad Sept. 21, added to that list Sept. 24. Vrabel said Mabin left the building and went into quarantine once his positive test came back.

Vrabel said some of those who tested positive haven't had any symptoms, while others have had some flu-like symptoms. Vrabel, who said Wednesday he was not among those testing positive, declined Thursday to single out anyone specifically, but said people were starting to feel better.

Now the NFL has to figure out how to reschedule a game between two of its seven undefeated teams after the league's first COVID-19 outbreak.



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PAD Awareness Month



Saving limbs, one white sock at a time

By AMANDA DUEFORAT

Managing Editor

PAD (Peripheral Artery Disease) Awareness Month takes place in September. From Sept. 1, The Wound Healing Center at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Director Tiffany Crawford was hitting the streets and making sure Howard County knew how important early detection and prevention can be when it comes to saving a limb.

This is the second year that The Wound Healing Center has taken part in the White Sock Campaign and has taken charge in raising awareness throughout the Big Spring community. With diabetes statistics being high in our area, the potential for non-healing chronic wounds and PAD rises. If signs and symptoms of PAD can be caught early, unnecessary amputations can be avoided and limbs can be saved.

"Awareness is the key to saving lives and our voices must not remain silent if change for the better is to happen. City of Big Spring, stand with me in promoting PAD so we can keep living the lives that we love, together," Crawford said.

Signs and symptoms:

- Painful cramping in one or both of your hips, thighs, or calf muscles after certain activities, such as walking or climbing stairs
- Leg numbness or weakness
- Coldness in your lower leg or foot, especially when compared with the other side
- Sores or wounds on your toes, feet or legs that

are not healing

- A change in the color of your legs
- Hair loss or slower hair growth on your feet and legs
- Shiny skin on your legs
- No pulse or a weak pulse in your legs or feet
- Erectile dysfunction in men

If peripheral artery disease progresses, pain may even occur when you're at rest or when you're lying down (ischemic rest pain). It may be intense enough to disrupt sleep. Hanging your legs over the edge of your bed or walking around your room may temporarily relieve the pain.

Treatments:

- Lifestyle changes to reduce risk factors!
- Quit Smoking
- Eat a balanced diet
- Exercise regularly
- Manage other health conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol
- Take medications as prescribed by your health-care professional
- antiplatelet medication as instructed by your health care professional
- Examining your legs and feet frequently for sores and wounds

Courtesy photos

Right: The KBest Crew couldn't believe how easy it is to save a limb - simply raise awareness and be proactive. PAD Awareness Month was all about having a little fun while educating the community. Left: The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the local United Way took a moment out of their day to raise awareness for the White Sock Campaign as they traveled around Big Spring. Below left: Parkview staff supported the cause in an effort to help save a limb.

Below right: The Big Spring Herald staff took a break to help raise awareness and encouraged people to support local and spread the news.



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Howard County Lunch Menus

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Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Bacon cheeseburger, egg chef salad w/flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Sugar donut, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French Toast bites, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, taco salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak with roll, American chef salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Strawberry bagel bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits and assorted milk. Lunch: Walking taco, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Elementary

Monday: Breakfast: Yogurt with bug bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Maple madness waffles with smile fries, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, fruits and vegetables, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, American sub sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Bagel with jelly, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Frish sticks and smile fries, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Tony's Cheese pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Chocolate Chip muffin, waffles bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Honey Nut Cherrios Cereal, assorted fruits and juice, milk. Lunch: Daily Special, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Sugar Donut, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Daily special, Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon rolls, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Daily Special, Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

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

Friday: Breakfast: Chocolate filled crescent, waffle bites with fruit, egg/cheese/sausage burrito, refried beans, coco puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Intermediate

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel with jelly, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Breakfast:

Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamuburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French Toast bites, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Strawberry Cream cheese bagel bites, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Junior High

Monday: Breakfast: Bagel with jelly, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

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

Wednesday: Breakfast: Berry French Toast bites, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coco puff pastry, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Strawberry Cream cheese bagel bites, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza, assorted juice and milk.

Kentwood

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Pancake bites with smile fries, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Egg and cheese, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Fish sticks with roll, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon poptart, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Thursday: Blueberry muffin, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Macaroni and cheese with roll, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Friday: Coco puff pastry, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk. (elementary); French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, strawberry cup, fresh fruit, milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Buffalo sub sandwich or garlic french bread pizza or PB&J sandwich, steamed broccoli, bush's baked beans, strawberries, fresh fruit, and milk.

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

Wednesday: Breakfast: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Chicken and waffles or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Pizza or turkey and chef salad, or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Chicken sandwich or mandarin chicken Asian bowl or turkey and cheese sub, baby carrots, corn, grapes, fresh fruit and milk.



Friday: Breakfast: Mini powdered donuts, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Mini powdered donuts with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk (JH/HS). Lunch: Pizza or popcorn chicken with roll (elementary) Crispy chicken bacon ranch, jalapeno wrap (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, baby carrots, fries, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Coahoma

Breakfast: Elementary, Junior High and High School

Monday: Sausage kolache with yogurt or breakfast cookie with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit milk.

Tuesday: Cheese omelet with toast or breakfast taquito, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Waffles with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Friday: Donut holes with sausage or french toast with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch: (K-8)

Monday: Enchiladas or taquito or fajita salad, beans, corn, salsa, fresh fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday: Meatball subs with tater tots or chili cheese combo or chef salad, fresh veggie cup, strawberries, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese or Asian bowl with egg roll or Asian salad, green beans, garden salad, grapes, milk.

Thursday: Pizza or grilled cheese with chips or popcorn chicken salad, bell pepper strips, corn, fruit gelatin, milk.

Friday: Cheeseburger or stuffed bake potato with roll, cucumber slices, carrots, cinnamon applesauce, dessert, milk.

(9-12/High School)

Monday: Enchiladas or taquito or fajita salad, beans, corn, salsa, fresh fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday: Meatball subs with tater tots or chili cheese combo or chef salad, fresh veggie cup, strawberries, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with mac and cheese or Asian Bowl with egg roll or Asian salad, green beans, garden salad, grapes, milk.

Thursday: Pizza or grilled cheese with chips or popcorn chicken salad, bell pepper strips, corn, fruity gelatin, milk.

Friday: Cheeseburger or stuffed bake potato with roll, cucumber slices, carrots, cinnamon applesauce, dessert, milk.

Senior Center

Monday: Turkey and cheese sandwich, pea salad, peaches and cottage cheese, baked chips, cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, jell-o, bread, milk.

Wednesday: BBQ chicken, zucchini squash, potato salad, mandarin oranges, bread, milk.

Thursday: Beef stew with mixed vegetables, new potatoes, chocolate cake, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Chili dog with cheese, mustard, baked chips, coleslaw, orange, milk.

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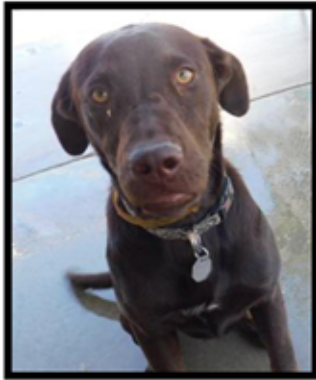
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assume. Understand your benefits, do your research and take the time to do some long range planning to ensure your financial stability is set.”

There may be an need to fill in gaps the workplace benefits do not address. He continued, “While many may not lack the financial resources to prepare for retirement, they lack the planning, the knowledge and/or the discipline

RECORDS

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Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St. Big Spring
Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colo-rado City
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Plaintiff: Julie Aguinaga
Defendant: Rafael Hernandez, Jr.
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: September 28, 2020

Plaintiff: Blanco Gomez
Defendant: Michael Gomez
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: September 28, 2020

Plaintiff: Petrovista Energy Partners, LLC, Blake J. Robbins, Marke Exploration, Inc.
Defendant: Robert Kenneth Swortwood, Jr.
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: September 28, 2020

Plaintiff: Cristen Crosby
Defendant: Julian Rodriguez, Jr.
Type of Case: Protective Order – No Divorce
Date: September 29, 2020

Plaintiff: Christopher Head
Defendant: Stacy Hoffman-Head
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: September 29, 2020

Plaintiff: J.G. Wentworth Originatios, LLC
Defendant: Name Redacted
Type of Case: Civil Case - Other
Date: September 29, 2020

Plaintiff: Kevin Reagan
Defendant: Alma Reagan
Type of Case: Divorce – No Children
Date: September 30, 2020

Plaintiff: Julie Sue Ayer Bacon, Gregory Ayer, Phillip Michael Ayer and Judith A. Ayer, heirs of Steve Ayer
Grantee: Judith A. Ayer
Property: Lot No. 32, in block 16, Kentwood (Unit No. 2), an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of recorded in plat 61/B, Plat records in the office of the County Clerk in and for Howard County, Texas.
Date: July 31, 2020

Plaintiff: James Headrick
Defendant: Tommy William Day
Offense: Possession of Marijuana less than two ounc-es
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, \$10 reim-bursement fee; one time payment.

Plaintiff: Gary Wayne Ellett
Defendant: Gary Wayne Ellett
Offense: Possession of Marijuana less than two ounc-es
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$100 reim-bursement fee; time served.

Plaintiff: James Headrick
Defendant: James Headrick
Offense: Criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$105 reim-bursement fee; 30 days in jail.

Plaintiff: James Headrick
Defendant: James Headrick
Offense: Possession of Marijuana less than two ounc-es
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reim-bursement fee; 30 days jail.

Marriage Licenses:

Franklin J. Suazo, 29, and Dominique Briana, 25, both of Big Spring.
Randy Joseph Vital, 27, and Melinda Gonzalez, 25, both of Coahoma.
Jordan Blake Whetsel, 25, and Megan Renee Walker, 26, both of Big Spring.
Christopher Joseph Valle, 29, and Reba Cae Mares, 23, both of Big Spring.

County Court Rulings

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all County Court Rulings.)

Grantor: Richard Adam Pirtle and Monica Denise Pirtle
Grantee: Blake Barnes and Ashly Barnes
Property: Being a 0.193 acre tract of land out of a 3.0 acre tract heretofore conveyed to Hayes F. Stripling and wife, Irene Stripling, by Fox Stripling and wife, Fan-nie F. Stripling, through deed dated February 10, 1926 recorded in Volume 58, Page 155 of Deed Records of Howard County, Texas, out of Sec. 5, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: September 22,2020

Grantor: Leaoma Gray
Grantee: Brent Newton and Tammy Newton
Property: The surface estate only of that certain tract or parcel of land, located and situated in Howard County, Texas described as follows: The North ½ of a certain one acre tract of land out of and part of the North East Quarter of Sec. 23, block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey Certificate No. 2045
Date: September 22,2020
Grantor: Rosario Slate
Grantee: Stephen Alan Smith and Shannon Marie Smith
Property: All of Lot 21, and East One Half of Lot 22, block 6, Washington Place Addition, in addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County according to the amended plat thereof of record in Envelope 102/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas
Date: September 24,2020

Grantor: Ian boyles
Grantee: Alexandra Hilger
Property: Lot No. 25, block No. 3, College Park Es-tates an addition to the City of Big Spring and Howard County, Texas as per the map or plat of said addition recorded in the Plat Records of Howard County.
Date: September 24,2020

Grantor: Alexis Rae Johnson and William Dane John-son
Grantee: David Garcia and Yolanda Garcia
Property: All of that certain parcel and piece of land out of and part of the Northeast one four of Sec. 44, block 32, T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard county, Texas for the SE corner of this tract from whence a 2" I.P, in a road intersection of the NE corner of said Sec. 44 bears N. 75' 51"E 2508.1 ft and N. 14'35'39 W. 1672.2 ft.
Date: September 24,2020

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Amber King and Jonathan Stack
Grantee: Emma Gomez and Alfredo Gomez
Property: Being Lot No. 8, block No. 4, Coronado Hills, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said ad-dition recorded in Volume 2, Page 59, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: September 16,2020

Grantor: Denver Austin Clinkscales and Mallory Clinkscales
Grantee: Russell Don Crawford
Property: Being a 2.099 acre tract out of the North

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Stop Cyberbullying

Dear Annie: I am a worried mother. My 14-year-old daughter is on a social media site with her friends. She was at a birthday party last Saturday, and apparently, all sorts of photos were taken. One of the girls posted a picture and purposefully cropped her face out of the photo, with some type of hashtag about my daughter being a nerd and no one wanting her at the party anyway because she is "ugly."

My daughter locked herself in her room and cried for the first week. Each morning is

a battle to get her to go to school. She thought this girl was her friend, and she can't understand why her friend was so mean and humiliating to her on social media.

I tried to explain to my daughter that it's just one mean girl who probably, deep down, hates herself and has to be mean as a result. It never feels good to be purposefully mean. I even quoted from one of your columns and said that "Hurt people hurt people." My daughter would not hear any of my pep talk. She said I don't understand -- that this girl is the coolest girl

in the school, and that a diss like that in front of all her followers was social suicide.

I have also noticed that she has been glued to her phone ever since, trying to post selfies of herself and endlessly scrolling through posts. She seems to have completely lost interest in things that once brought her joy, like walking the dog or going to tennis practice. This incident seems to have sparked a sort of depression. Since we got her a phone, I have noticed that the light that was once in her eyes is slowly dimming.

I want to take away her phone, but I'm afraid it's too late. She just seems so sad and totally preoccupied with that little blue screen. -- Concerned Mother

Dear Concerned Mother: Your daughter experienced cyberbullying. Sadly, this is happening at an alarming rate. There are many helpful websites including the STOMP Out Bullying website that you and your daughter can search through together.

The National PTA site is dedicated to parents and offers tools to help children deal with cyberbullying.

A new documentary called "The Social Dilemma" came out on Netflix, and it discusses some of these very issues. Sit down and watch it with your daughter.

It's also not too late to get her off her phone. But the decision will stick so much better if it comes from her. Ask her if she remembers her life before the phone and social media. Maybe it was a little freer, less complicated, and she was happier. Be an example by making sure you are not glued to your phone or on social media.

It is hard enough to be a teenager without all this online comparison and obsession with how someone looks through fake filters. At the end of the day, a warm, loving hug from Mom can do a great deal to calm her nerves. Even if she pushes you away, keep trying.

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DECAY	HEALTH	TEETH

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

R S H B U N A D S F S O L

ANSWER: Brush and floss

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By Steve Becker

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East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A J 7 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ 10 6 2
♣ K J 6 3

WEST

♠ 9
♥ A K J 10 8 5 2
♦ Q 8 7 3
♣ 8

EAST

♠ 6
♥ Q 7 6 3
♦ K J 9
♣ Q 10 9 7 4

SOUTH

♠ K Q 10 8 3
♥ 9 4
♦ A 5 4
♣ A 5 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♠ 4♥ 4♠
5♥ Pass Pass 5♠
Opening lead — eight of clubs.

One occasionally hears the term "free finesse" applied to a seemingly helpful lead made by an opponent, but sometimes there is a question as to whether or not the finesse is really free. It is easy to misapply the term, which is exactly what declarer did in this deal where he unnecessarily went down one.

West led his singleton club against South's five-spade contract. Acting under the impression that he was getting a free finesse, declarer played

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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dummy's jack and took East's queen with the ace.

After drawing trump, South led a club to the king, hoping to find the suit divided 3-3 so that he could later discard a diamond on dummy's fourth club. But when West failed to follow to the second club, there was no way declarer could avoid losing a club and two diamonds for down one.

It might seem that South is sure to fail whatever he does, but actually he can make the contract with proper play. He should assume from the bidding and the opening lead that the eight of clubs is a singleton. No harm can come from making this assumption because if West has the queen of clubs, it can be trapped later on.

South should therefore play low from dummy at trick one and take the eight with the ace.

After ruffing two hearts in dummy and drawing trump, South then plays the ace and another diamond. The defenders can collect their two diamond tricks, after which they are stymied.

If West winds up on lead, he must return a heart or a diamond, allowing dummy to ruff as South discards his club loser. If East wins the third diamond, he must either yield a ruff-and-discard or lead a club into dummy's K-J. The so-called free finesse at trick one turns out to be an illusion.

How they
SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Tooth

SPANISH: Diente

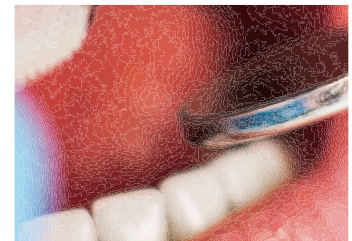
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ANSWER: DENTAL MIRROR

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

Level: Advanced

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2	7	6	7	5	8	9	3	1
1	7	8	9	4	3	2	5	6
9	5	3	1	2	6	8	7	4
3	8	9	5	6	2	7	1	4
1	4	5	8	9	7	6	2	3
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Thoughts on Pluto's Directional Change

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The best problems are the ones that come up time and again. If you're game, those are the ones that give you the chance at growth and, ultimately, mastery.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're intrigued by unlikely pairings. People's attractions can seem mysterious indeed and then suddenly seem so obvious that it could be no other way. You'll be a part of such a pairing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're comfortable giving attention and affection to those you trust. Knowing whom to trust is the tricky part. There's no need to rush. The trustworthy ones want to prove themselves.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You love learning, and in fact, if you're not getting a

certain number of fresh ideas going through your mind, you start to feel a little edgy. Inspiration is a friendship away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When things don't go to plan today, it won't be the plan's fault. Tuck that solid logic into your pocket for another time, and handle what's in front of you. You're irresistibly present, playful and ready.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This is a good day to think of all information as neutral information. There is an opportunity inside of even the worst things that you hear, and you'll be in just the keen frame of mind to see it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What people notice most is how you make them feel. With just flowing acceptance and admiration for people, you become more attractive to them. You'll get all the attention

you can handle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Why do you hang around with challenging people? Because whether they are inspiring or troubling, they sharpen you. You're looking ahead at a future in which you want to be as sharp as you can get.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The immeasurable wealth seems to be outside, but it is actually within. Mine those inner treasures today with quiet time, introspection and creative expression.

really doesn't matter whether you have a lot or a little of it. All should go. It's a good day to shed a dependency, because what you get rid of now won't come back.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 4). Powered by realistic views, you'll make great things happen. Instead of wishing, you'll do what you can do to create the best likelihood of a desired outcome. This season brings the healing of a broken relationship. Also, a mystery will be solved. Treasured friendships lead you to new places. December rains money. Aries and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 3, 33 and 38

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Do not be turned off by the same problem over and over again. This kind of struggle is the best practice available in life. It's as though you are given a simulation and you're able to

restart or rewind until you learn the skill or master the game.

The best thing to bring to a struggle is a clear-eyed view of it. It takes practice and persistence to get to that state of mind. You have to show up to the struggle enough times to get over the initial blindness that excitement and inexperience impart as a protective shield. Show up to your struggle enough times and it gets less scary. You'll see more of it. You'll get flexible and able to move around it, to see how it works, to understand what's animating it. You'll note possible points of leverage. You'll try things. This message was brought to you by Pluto's directional change in Capricorn and by the first Mercury-Uranus opposition of the year.

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Of all the discoveries and inventions that have led to a finer quality of life in the modern world, the ones that matter most now are either social or practical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Passion is the secret sauce. It makes the deal, conquers resistance, renders opposing forces mild and pedantic. Lead with passion; follow with passion; and, most importantly, meet with passion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you don't want a thing, it

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18 IDs, often

19 Idle, with "out"

20 Puppy's thing

21 Sight in many a seascape

22 Largest Micronesian island

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26 Where starters are seen

27 Pat alternative

30 Unquestioning

32 Tourist trap?

34 Have

35 Sanskrit for "majesty"

36 Tablet smaller than a smartphone

38 Something stalked in a field

41 Monticello note, before '76

43 Brass

45 RNA binder

48 Frequent Great Lakes travelers

49 "*Aucune* ____" (Claudette's "I'm clueless")

50 Orally raw

52 Summer vacation, for some families

53 It might complete a Tweet

54 First Family member, 50 years ago

55 World's largest courier company

58 Starter starter

59 Get weird

63 Strong opposition

64 Much Rockies flora

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1 Bloke harvesting beetroot

2 "You shoulda listened to me"

3 ____ pool

4 About 4/5 of a mi., for Salt Lake City

5 Foggy condition

6 It's planted in home gardens

7 DC-based network

8 Eero Saarinen designed its

9 Cream puff-like

10 It means "advocating"

11 Tech title at 8 Down

12 She's into shoulderstands and backbends

13 Effort, in an idiom

15 Orally oppose

17 Filament holders

23 Where Marilyn sang to JFK in NYC

25 Shrank in the cold

26 SE US cargo hub

28 Choppers

29 Very briefly, in today's slang

31 Female pilot in *Futurama*

33 Surveyor's angular measure

37 Small quantity of caviar

39 Heavy duty degreasers

40 Makes up for missing merchandise

42 Bad things that happen to good people

44 Be off

45 Carell, in *Battle of the Sexes*

46 *Mad* staff, by their own admission

47 Addresses to impress

51 He's Newt in *Fantastic Beasts* films

54 Hardly a sound of success

56 Moving day instruction

57 Baryshnikov, by birth

60 Fan club's imitative flattery

61 Direct debit through ATMs, e.g.

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Recipe Corner



Fire up the grill for smoky homemade pizza

Pizza is beloved by people from all cultures and backgrounds. It's certainly easy to call a favorite pizzeria and order a pie with all your favorite toppings. But homemade pizza is easier than one might imagine. Invest some time into making "The Artisan" grilled pizza from "Grilled Pizzas and Piadinas" (DK) by Craig W. Priebe with Dianne Jacob.

The Artisan (Roasted Vegetables With Creamy Garlic Cheese) Makes one 12 x 12 inch pizza

1/4 fennel bulb, trimmed and thinly sliced, lengthwise
1/2 red bell pepper, sliced into thin strips
1 carrot, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick on the diagonal
1/2 cup sliced red onions
1/2 cup broccoli florets
1 portobello mushroom cap, sliced 1/2 thick
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, roughly chopped, or 1 teaspoon dried
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 grilled pizza crust (see below)
1 tablespoon grated parmesan
1 cup shredded mozzarella
1 package boursin cheese

Preheat the oven to 400F. To make the roasted vegetables, toss of all of the ingredients with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil

in a shallow baking dish. Roast until the vegetables are tender and lightly browned, about 25 minutes.

Brush the grilled side of the pizza crust with the remaining olive oil. Dust with the parmesan and sprinkle with the mozzarella. Spoon the boursin on top, without spreading it. Pile the roasted vegetables over the pizza. The grill should still be hot from grilling the crust.

Cook the pizza over medium heat or indirect heat for around 5 to 8 minutes. Check it after 1 minute by gently lifting up an edge of the crust with tongs or a spatula. If it is turning dark quickly, your fire is too hot. Move the pizza around the grill to get away from the heat. When the pizza is done, the crust will be crispy. Before serving, garnish with the fennel tops.

Basic Grilled Pizza Dough Makes two 12-inch crusts

3/4 cup warm water
1 packet active dry yeast (about 2 1/4 teaspoons)
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1 1/2 cups unbleached flour
1/4 cup whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt
2 tablespoons cornmeal, preferably white, plus additional for the pan
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus 1/4 teaspoon for the bowl

Pour the warm water into a small bowl or measuring cup. Add the yeast and sugar and stir until the yeast dissolves into a smooth beige color. Let it stand on your counter for about 5 minutes to prove that the yeasted water is active. A thin layer of foam will appear at the top, indicating the batch

is good. Measure the flours, salt and cornmeal into a large bowl. Add the yeasted water and the 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Mix well, stirring with a strong spoon. Lightly flour a clean, dry countertop. Form a ball of dough, place it on the counter, and press down with the palm of your hand. Fold the dough over itself and press again. Continue to roll and press the dough for about 8 minutes until the dough is smooth. Add only enough flour to prevent it from sticking.

Put the remaining 1/4 teaspoon of olive oil in a medium bowl. The dough will be sticky, so flour your hands before picking it up, and place it in the bowl. Turn over several times until it is coated in oil. This prevents a crust from forming on its surface. Cover with plastic wrap, and place in a draft-free, warm place, for 2 hours, until it rises to almost double in appearance. Chill the dough in the refrigerator overnight, or for 1 hour to firm up. Since this dough is slightly sticky, chilling the dough makes it easier to roll out. Roll half of the dough out to about 12 x 12 inches. (This recipe makes two crusts)

Grill the dough on an inside or outside grill that has reached around 400 F. The dough should take about 3 minutes to cook. Watch for bubbles. To check whether your crust is done, lift the underside. It should be an even light brown with brown grill marks. A charred crust adds to the flavor. Pick up the crust from the middle, using tongs, and place it on a cookie sheet. Flip it over so the grilled side is face up. This browned side becomes the top of your pizza.

The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: Where People & Pet's Connect

Taking care of your pet's pretty little paws

By **MELANIE GAMBRELL**

Pet Care Specialist

Are you among the many that have issues with your pet scratching themselves due to skin problems or allergies? When your pet comes to get some much needed attention from you and accidentally paws and your skin, does your skin bleed and tear? Do you frequently hear the clickety clack of dogs' toe nails as they walk across your hardwood floors? Do you have a cat or maybe even two that love to use the side of your furniture as their personal scratching post? Well I am about to make your day and introduce you to a product that will solve all your pet nail issues.

When I had the grooming and boarding business I was asked many times from clients and friends about what could be done about a pet's nails scratching the floors, furniture, and themselves. After doing some research I found the solution to all my client's problems, soft claws! As a Pet Partner Team (Pet Therapy) I used these soft claws every time I was scheduled to do a therapy session. These soft nail caps prevented any injury to therapy patients, by my therapy animal (dog) to their skin by an accidental scratch or pawing.

The wonderful things about soft claws is that you, the pet owner, can do this at home with little to no problems. Each kit comes with 40 nail caps and 2 tubes of adhesive (basically super glue) and they come in different sizes: x-small, small, medium, large and they even are made for cats. These soft claws come in a variety of different colors: black, red, blue, purple, pink and natural (clear).

If you are thinking about purchasing soft claws, I order mine through a company called Pet Edge, an online pet supplier. I see also where Chewy.com and Amazon.com also carry them.

If you are thinking about purchasing these for your pets, you have made a great choice. Easy to apply, especially if you have a dog or cat that doesn't mind you trimming their nails. Now on the other paw, if you have a pet that doesn't like his or her nails clipped, you might want to contact a professional to apply these or ask a family member to help with the application. When I first apply my fresh set of nail caps, I do a nail trim on the dog or cat that will be wearing these stylish caps. By trimming back the nails, that gives me a longer amount of time that they will be wearing these soft claws. Keep in mind that as your pet's nails grow out, so does the soft claws. Choose the size that will best fit your pet's nails and pick out the color that will go with your pet's eyes.

Note, that when using these on your cat, in no way if attached correctly will this effect your cat from retracting their claws. Your cat should not experience any discomfort or pain and your cat should and will be able to stretch and retract their nails with the soft claws on. This is an alternative to the barbaric and inhumane treatment of declawing a cat where they have their toes cut off to prevent the nail from growing. Declawing a cat is only done because we as human beings have failed them and in only rare circumstances is this done for medical reasons.

You can apply your soft claws to just the front paws or you can apply soft paws to all four feet. Application depends on what you are trying to accomplish with soft claws. Is your pet scratching or

tearing your skin, your arms and legs when they jump up? I would apply soft claws then to the front two feet only. If your pet has a severe or bad allergy and they are scratching sores on themselves, then I would apply soft claws to their back hind feet only. Most generally, if your cat is tearing up your furniture, application to the front feet is all you need. Your 40 nail caps will work for four complete applications.

When applying your soft paws, I would find a solid table with an anti-slip mat and move your pet onto the table. This gives you a better view at your pet's nails and works better to help save your back. You can purchase



Courtesy photos

Soft Claws is one of the products Gambrell recommends to help take care of your pets paws.

you've chosen the size and color, it's time to do the application. Take your nail cap and apply 1/3 full with the adhesive that was provided. Note, for those of you that have a dog or cat with longer hair around their nails, try not to get any of your pet's fur caught in the nail cap when sliding the cap onto the pet's nails. I will twist back the hair around the nails or even use a hair clip to keep the coat from being stuck to the adhesive when applying the soft claws. Once you have made sure that no fur is stuck to your soft claws, allow the nail cap to set up before letting your pet down to run around. If you do have a problem with hair in the nail cap, use a small rounded pet nail scissor and trim back the hair. I'll tell you from experience, applying soft claws to a pet with longer hair around the nail bed is a bit on the trickier side, but it can be done. You may just have to trim away all the hair around the nail bed before application.

I've been using soft claws for many years now and I just swear by them. My therapy dogs lived in them all year round, they are easy to apply and easy to remove. I'd take my nail clippers and go across the top of the nail cap that I wanted to remove on my dog's nail, I would cut the cap off. Then using my fingers, would remove and pull the old cap off so that I could do another nail trim and reapply a fresh set of soft claws. These are safe to use, even for those pets that might chew them off.

I hope this information has been helpful and if you have any questions, contact me at r4thepets@aol.com

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a reasonably priced grooming arm that will attach to any table to help keep your pet secure and keep them from jumping off your table. If you are working on your cat, this gives you a place for your cat to lay down and feel secure and will give you a better hands-on situation. When working with cats, over the years and countless hours at seminars, the less you restrain a cat the better the cat will respond. Scruffing and holding a cat down with force will do nothing but agitate your cat and make it more difficult to apply the soft claws.

I use a technique of making tiny, small circles on the top of their heads and using a massage technique on their ears. Over my many years working at the vet's office, in my grooming business, and with All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue, this is a great, calming exercise. If this doesn't work for your cat, you may need to contact your family veterinarian and talk to them about doing minor sedation for your cat.

One you have trimmed back their natural nails,

BBB Study: Virtual Vehicle Vendor and Escrow Scams

Special to the Herald

Used car sales -- and scams involving vehicles -- have surged during the pandemic. Buyers shop for a used car online and ask to see it in person, but the seller uses COVID-19 as an excuse to avoid meeting. The buyer sends the money to purchase the car, but it never arrives.

Scammers will use photos and descriptions from other advertisements to sell a vehicle that doesn't exist. Once a buyer decides they want the car, they are asked to wire money to a third-party escrow business, which is actually operated by the scammer.

A September 2020 BBB study on virtual vehicle vendor scams revealed consumers age 55 -- 64 were the largest demographic reporting this type of fraud to Scam Tracker. Of those reporting escrow scams, 41% reported losing money, and the study projects more than \$1 million will be lost in 2020.

How can you recognize a scam like this? Red flags include prices far below market value, refusing to meet in person and claiming emotional or urgent reasons for the vehicle needing to be sold quickly.

Fraudulent sellers insist it is safe to send them money, and the transaction is protected by an independent third-party shipping

company. Scammers often use eBay's name to seem more legitimate. They may even use fake invoices with eBay Motors letterhead.

If you're looking to purchase a car online, use these tips from your Better Business Bureau to avoid escrow scams:

Do your research. Reverse engine search images of the car or look up any unusual phrases in the description. You can also use Who.is to learn how long escrow or shipping company websites have been active. Comparing it to how long the company claims to have been operating can help you determine the website's validity.

Shop smart. As you consider different cars, check their Kelley Blue Book value so you can recognize prices that are suspiciously low. When you are ready to buy, refrain from paying over wire transfer or prepaid gift cards. Pay with a credit card, which can protect you if you need to dispute a charge.

Get a vehicle history report. You can request a vehicle history report from Carfax or AutoCheck.

Vehicle history reports show not only its accident and service history, but ownership history as well. This can help verify the car you are purchasing is legitimate.

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Atmos Energy gives \$2 Million to help feed school children in West Texas area

Midland - Through its Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities program, Atmos Energy is giving \$2 million during September's Hunger Action Month to join forces with hundreds of local school districts, food banks and other essential organizations that provide the breakfasts, lunches, snacks and healthy meals that all children need to grow, develop, and succeed.

"Hunger affects children in every community we serve. Our kids are starting school on an empty stomach, which impacts their ability to focus and learn," said Kevin Akers, Atmos Energy president and CEO. "Atmos Energy is making this contribution to support local food programs in the 1,400 communities we serve, so hungry children get the food they need before, during, and after the school day and on weekends and holidays as well."

An estimated 18 million children face hunger nationwide, and food insecurity has increased since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Hunger is an ongoing challenge, but over the past six months more families have found themselves struggling with finances and confronting food insecurity," said Libby Campbell, West Texas Food Bank Executive Director. "Thank you to Atmos Energy for stepping up to provide our kids access to nutritious meals during school hours or after the bell to learn, grow and reach their full potential."

Atmos Energy team members join the nation during Hunger Action Month in taking a stand against food insecurity, also recognizing the tireless efforts of essential staff and volunteers who tackle hunger on the front lines every day.

"Our Permian Basin team is focused on nourishing our children and their families in need," said Becky Palmer, Atmos Energy West Texas Division president. "No child should go to bed hungry, and we are grateful to our local nonprofit and school district partners for helping us ensure that chil-

dren have regular access to healthy snacks, fresh produce and hearty balanced meals."

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Preparing for the new bundle of joy, with pets in the house

The birth of a new child can be an exciting time, but requires some preparation

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

Expecting parents are often as busy as they are excited while they're preparing to welcome a new baby to their family. In this happily hectic time, those who also own pets should consider how their pets and their new baby can safely interact when they eventually meet.

Dr. Lori Teller, an associate professor in the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says expecting parents can begin preparing their pets for a new arrival as soon as they know they are expecting a new baby.

"This is a great time for an obedience refresher for your dog. Make sure your dog knows and obeys commands such as sit, down, stay, come, wait, off, and go to bed," Teller said. "If your dog likes to jump on people, this is a great reason to teach them to stop this behavior. The relationship

between your pet and your child will be so much the better if your dog has good manners."

The arrival of a new baby will interrupt a pet's schedule almost as much as it alters the parents' schedule. Teller advises pet owners to adjust their pet to their new schedule and new rules, such as not allowing pets to enter rooms reserved for the baby, before the baby's arrival.

"Bring new baby products and furniture into the house before your baby comes home. These may include diapers, lotion, baby wash, formula and linens," Teller said. "Let your pets get accustomed to these smells, so that by the time the baby arrives, those smells will be a normal part of the environment. Don't allow your pet to sleep in the baby's crib or any other location where the baby may rest."

Teller also recommends that pet owners acclimate their furry friend to the sound of a baby crying prior to their arrival. This can be done by

playing a recording of crying at a low volume and practicing obedience commands. Owners can reward their dog for obeying and remaining calm, then slowly increase the volume, continuing to reward their pet's positive behaviors.

"If you will be walking your dog while pushing the stroller, start training your dog to walk next to it," she said. "Initially your dog may find it scary to walk next to the stroller, so it's better to get your dog comfortable with it now before all of you end up in a tangled mess."

Owners can also help their animals adjust to their diverted attention by holding a doll in the chair where they will feed or rock the baby and by carrying the doll around. Owners should reward their pet for resting calmly while they are occupied with the doll.

While practicing these techniques can be helpful in ensuring a smooth transition, pet owners may also wish to consult with their veterinarian

about any behavioral concerns.

"If your pet is anxious by nature, it would be good to discuss this with your veterinarian before the baby's arrival," Teller said. "Your pet may benefit from an anti-anxiety supplement or the use of a calming pheromone. Some pets may need medication and a behavioral modification plan to address anxiety issues."

Preparing a pet prior to the arrival of a new baby is instrumental in ensuring that your new, expanded family gets off on the right foot. Not only can these preparations support a safer environment for the new baby, but they can also help reduce stress for new parents in their first joyful weeks of parenthood.

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Weekly Gas Buddy update for West Texas region

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.86/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 6.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 49.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.49/g today while the most expensive is \$2.50/g, a difference of \$1.01/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.49/g while the highest is \$2.50/g, a difference of \$1.01/g.



The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.17/g today. The national average is down 6.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 47.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

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

September 28, 2019:	\$2.35/g	(U.S. Average: \$2.65/g)
September 28, 2018:	\$2.63/g	(U.S. Average: \$2.87/g)
September 28, 2017:	\$2.43/g	(U.S. Average: \$2.56/g)
September 28, 2016:	\$1.96/g	(U.S. Average: \$2.21/g)
September 28, 2015:	\$2.03/g	(U.S. Average: \$2.29/g)
September 28, 2014:	\$3.16/g	(U.S. Average: \$3.33/g)
September 28, 2013:	\$3.16/g	(U.S. Average: \$3.40/g)
September 28, 2012:	\$3.56/g	(U.S. Average: \$3.78/g)
September 28, 2011:	\$3.27/g	(U.S. Average: \$3.45/g)
September 28, 2010:	\$2.54/g	(U.S. Average: \$2.67/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Midland Odessa- \$1.90/g, down 2.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.92/g.

San Antonio- \$1.76/g, down 5.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.81/g.

Austin- \$1.83/g, down 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.86/g.

"Higher oil prices caused most states to see gas prices inch higher, with the national average rising ever so slightly in the last week, breaking its three week streak of declines. However, the rise is likely temporary as oil prices that had pushed higher gave up their gains last week and closed near the low-side of the range they've been in for quite some time," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"According to Pay with GasBuddy data, gasoline demand declined again last week, falling nearly 1% from the prior week, largely in line with ex-

pectations as we head into the first full week of fall. While the Atlantic is finally silent- likely temporary- really the only upside we could see over the coming months would be borne out of hurricane season, or if a COVID-19 vaccine proves successful in pushing demand back closer to normal."

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

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