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Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees votes 5-2 to discontinue mask wearing on all campuses

By **ROGER CLINE**
Herald Contributing Writer

At its meeting Thursday evening, the Big Spring ISD school board voted 5-2 to discontinue requiring students, teachers and staff to wear masks during the school day. The vote is in response to Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-34 issued March 2, which ended the statewide mask requirement for Texas citizens.

"Really, we're sitting here with one of two choices. It's pretty simple," said BSISD Superintendent Jay McWilliams during the meeting. "We're either going to say, 'We're going to continue having masks with adults, kids 10 years and older, either through spring break, or for the rest of the year even though the governor says we don't have to do that. But we could still do that. The reason this discussion is even coming around is, the governor said one thing, and TEA didn't quite jump on board 100 percent.'"

A message posted on the BSISD website, signed by McWilliams, indicates that the mask mandate in the district was no longer in force as of Friday.

"Face coverings and masks will be optional for all staff and students," the message reads. "All other TEA, UIL, and District regulations and practices to control the spread of COVID-19 will remain in place. BSISD will phase in our on-campus visitor policies as we continue to moni-

tor the number of positive cases on each campus, and across the district."

The message goes on to indicate that the district reserves the right to require masks again if conditions worsen.

In other business, the school board canceled the district's planned May 1 election because board candidates in both races were running unopposed.

Michelle Dawn Garcia will replace incumbent Maria Padilla in District 2, while Tommy Jason Martinez will replace Melissa Miller in District 4.

"Since they are running unopposed, we do not have to have an election," said Director of Business Services Melissa Tarbet. "This next item is just the official cancellation of the general election. They will stand elected from this point on, but they will not join the board until after election day on May 1, when I will do the swearing in."

The school board also unanimously approved the proposed 2021-22 school calendar. According to the calendar, the first day of school in the 2021-22 school year will be Wednesday, Aug. 18, while the last day of the school year will be May 26, 2022. Scheduled holidays include Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 24-26, Dec. 20-Dec. 31, Jan. 17, Feb. 21 and March 14-18. The calendar also indicates that Sept. 27, Nov. 1, Jan. 3-4, Feb. 18 and April 18 are professional

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Left to right: Amanda Rivera (CTE teacher at the junior high); Brooke Everett (HS Business teacher); Connor Crisp (HS student, Microsoft certifications); Erica Melton (HS Culinary Arts teacher); Shanelle Landsaw-Baird (HS student, Culinary Arts, Food Handlers certification); Joseph Saiz (HS Construction Teacher); Gia Ortega (HS Alumni, future Construction Teacher); Vonnice Anderson (BSISD Career & Technical Education Director); Milton Woody (HS Welding teacher); Gabrielle Galan (HS Welding student, welding certification); David Gonzalez (HS Welding student, welding certification); Michael Martinez (HS Welding student, welding certification); Stephen Robles (HS Automotive teacher); Matt Galaviz (HS Automotive student, automotive certification); Anaile Rivera (HS Professional Communications student); Gabriella Carter (HS Fashion Design student)

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Howard College Board announce Open Howard College plan in response to Gov. Abbott's Executive Order

By **ROGER CLINE**
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During a special meeting Thursday afternoon, the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees discussed possible reactions to Governor Greg Abbott's executive order releasing the state from COVID-19 restrictions and decided to maintain Howard College's restrictions related to the pandemic through the end of the school year.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the decision stems from the college's open interactions with the local community.

"I recommended to the board that we continue the current protocols through the spring semester. I based that recommendation on several factors," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "The college campus has a lot

of movement on it. You have students that are coming from different communities. You have students who are living in dorms. You have students that are health profession students that are going to hospitals, nursing homes, even the prisons in some situations. You have cosmetology labs, you have dental hygiene clinics. Because we are a community college, we do everything we can to try to reach out to our community. So, we have been trying to maintain a safe and healthy environment but inching back toward normalcy in any way we can. Being a community college, part of that is being open to your community in any way that we can."

A statement on the Howard College website confirms the decision: "Until further notice, Howard College will continue to follow the current Open Howard College plan regarding mask

and capacity requirements. Faculty, staff, students, and community members will be notified if changes and/or updates to the policy are made."

The plan includes asking staff, students, visitors and others accessing the campus to self-screen and stay home if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms; requiring students and employees to report COVID-19 symptoms, positive COVID-19 tests and/or contact with COVID-19 sufferers; requiring face masks when social distancing of at least six feet separation cannot be achieved; hand washing or sanitizing upon entering campus or following interactions with others; and other restrictions as posted on the Howard College website at howardcollege.edu.

At the start of the meeting, Howard

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Obituaries

Theresa Winn



Theresa Winn, 76 of Big Spring, formerly of Midland, went to her Heavenly home on Friday, Feb. 12, 2021. Family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Friday, March 19, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Chapel on Friday, March 19, 2021, at 2 p.m. with Brad Daniels officiating.

Theresa was born on Aug. 3, 1944 in Big Spring, Texas to Jean and Frank Kapla. She graduated from Rancho High School in Las Vegas, NV in 1962 and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Social Work from UTPB in 1991. She enjoyed a 25-year, successful career and labor of love at Manor Park and Helen Greathouse Manor, where she devoted herself to the care of the residents and to her colleagues and friends.

Theresa was a natural storyteller and performer. She delighted in the art of telling a corny joke and showed her love for friends, family and co-workers through the original songs and poems she composed especially for them. During her time at Manor Park, she wrote skits and other performance pieces for the entertainment of staff and residents, and she combined her love of cats with performing arts to

Kay Lynn (Clawson) Walters



Lynn was born Nov. 27, 1942, in Big Spring, Texas to Lesley and LaVerne (Holden) Clawson. She grew up in Big Spring with her younger brother, Bo, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She loved and excelled in academics, music, student government and more, graduating as Salutatorian of the 1961 Class at Big Spring High School. She furthered her education at The University of Texas at Austin, The University of Texas at Arlington and SMU, finishing with a Master's in Business. Her career focused on banking software and data processing and she had a client list took her around the world.

Lynn settled in Arlington, Texas, where she almost single-handedly raised two boys, David and Steve, as a single mother. She was relentless in managing her family and work obligations and no one worked harder. While she was proud of her boys and career, nothing could compare to the love

Benny Dale Kirkland



Benny Dale Kirkland, 73, passed peacefully at home on March 5, 2021 surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Ben was a proud and strong man, devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He is preceded in death by his first wife Pam, his father Ben Kirkland, his mother Dauphine Songayllo, and his beloved granddaughter Sarah Tindell. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Jerri, daughter Kristi and Alan Tindell, son Calvin and Angela Kirkland, step-mother Faye Kirkland, grandson Coby Kirkland, granddaughters Regan and Alex Thompson, Emily Kirkland, Bailey Tindell, Erin Kirkland and stepson Eric Hardaway, his precious dog, Bear, and a host of lifelong friends, neighbors and colleagues.

Ben was born March 28, 1947 to Ben and Dauphine Kirkland in Big Spring, Texas. Growing up an only child, he had plenty of time to play and hone his skills playing football, baseball and many other sports. By the time he got to high school, he had become an accomplished football player. He was the Big Spring Steer's quarterback and won many games, awards and accolades during his playing years. After graduating from high school, Ben had roughly 30 scholarship offers from Division I schools. He had been named All Conference and High School All American so he had his pick of where he could go. Ben had married his high school sweetheart after graduat-

create her clown persona, Miss Kitty.

She was a woman of Baptist faith and of service to others. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with friends, but above all her most priceless treasure was her family.

Left to cherish Theresa's memory are her children: Wanda McDaniel Metcalf and husband John Wayne of Coahoma, Thom McDaniel and husband Lance Menster of Houston, Robyn McDaniel of Houston, and Steve McDaniel and wife Lois of For-san. Missing their precious Theresa Granny are Keira Creswell of Midland, Regan Creswell and wife Jenna of Lubbock, Morgan McDaniel of Lubbock, Seth McDaniel of Enid, OK, and Mary Ashley McDaniel of Ft. Worth. Caden Creswell of Midland will forever treasure the memory of his GG. Theresa is also survived by her brother, David Yeater of Katy, TX, her dearest friend, Chris Newman of Midland, and her cats, Clarice and Tabitha.

She is reunited in Heaven with her beloved partner, David Johnson, her mother and stepfather, Jean and Ralph Fidler,

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Camp Hope, Trinity Baptist Church Mission Fund, ASPCA or the American Diabetes Association.

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

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and affection for her granddaughters, Madeline and Katherine. Upon retirement, she attended as many of her girls' sports' games, dance rehearsals and academic events. She took them on memorable vacations that will always be cherished. Additionally, she enjoyed bible study and lunches with friends from church.

Lynn died Wednesday, March 10, 2021 after a five-year battle with Alzheimer's. Her family would like to thank all the caregivers at The Westmore Senior Living and Encompass Health Hospice for their continual care. She is survived by her sons, David Walters, and wife, Missy, and Steve Walters, granddaughters, Madeline and Katherine Walters, step-grandchildren Clark and Tatum Nowlin, and brother, Bo Clawson and wife, Nancy. A private, graveside service near her parents will be March 13, 2021 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

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ing which led him to East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas which had married housing. He started his college career in the fall of 1965 and went on to break records, win championships, and earn many awards with the ETSU Lions. Upon graduating in 1969, he was invited to sign as an undrafted free agent for the Houston Oilers and the Cincinnati Bengals. He went on to play some semi-pro ball, but with a family now, he made the choice to go into the commercial and residential glass business thanks to his father-in-law. After working at many different locations, he eventually took over as manager of Bell Glass in Killeen, Texas, in 1979. Ben's dream was to be a coach, but his calling was to manage, develop and grow the business his father in law began. He enjoyed his work and retired in 2013 after 40 years of service.

After his retirement, he settled in Granbury, Texas, with his wife Jerri where they were dedicated members of First Christian Church. They both served as deacons, and Ben was on the security team. They enjoyed traveling, spending time with their Granbury friends, attending all of his granddaughter's athletic events, experiencing many wonderful vacation spots, their family and just life itself. Ben was a huge part of many people's lives and will be greatly missed. He had a heart of gold.

To read more about Benny's accomplishments, go to Unsunghero@thelionwire.com

Celebration of Life: 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2021, First Christian Church, Granbury.

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Doreatha Turner Horton



Doreatha Turner Horton, 86, of Big Spring, died on Friday, March 12, 2021.

Viewing will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with family receiving friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral service will be on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel. Family suggests masks.

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

Brent Fowlkes

Brent Fowlkes, 33, of Colorado City, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2021. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Robert Keith Toomire

Robert Keith Toomire, 75, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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On behalf of the family of Hilaria (Lolly) C. Moreno, we want to extend our sincere gratitude for all those who reached out and offered support, condolences, flowers, food and guidance through this trying time.

The outpouring of love truly touched our hearts
and helped us get through this difficult time.

A special thanks is extended to ...
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Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel
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God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them – Hebrews 6:10

David Moreno & Amanda Duforat

Obituary

Clinton Augustas Treadway

On Monday, March 8, 2021, Clinton Augustas Treadway, loving father and grandfather, passed away at the age of 79. Clinton was born Nov. 12, 1941 to James Edward and Georgia Marie (Andrews) Treadway in Reno Ohio. His youth was spent assisting in the care of his siblings, taking part in the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and also working to assist his family. In 1959, while living in Galesburg Illinois, he came to meet and marry Eva Mae Ford, and together, they would raise two daughters, Toni and Kathy.

Clinton had a passion for physical labor, learning everything about anything, and turning any hobby into an employment gain. His work history beheld a variety of talents, he worked in the Ohio lumber industry, at the Dr Pepper/Canada Dry group, he was a commercial fisherman on the Mississippi

river, and he began a rabbitry where he built, owned and ran his own slaughterhouse and participated in all the various stages of such, including inspections. He was a jack of all trades and would hold any and all odd-jobs that held the possibility of teaching him more. Aside from his talents, he also pursued many hobbies and interests throughout life. He was an established carpenter, a lifelong member of the Country Music Association, a championship horseshoe player, an avid BINGO player, and member of several bowling leagues. Clinton also enjoyed hunting, tracking, trapping, traveling, and loved fishing!

Upon his wife's passing in 1998, Clinton joined his daughters and grandchildren in Big Spring Texas. He came to be employed at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum of Howard College in 2000 and maintained employment until his retirement in 2014. He then spent his time with his family and friends, or traveling. Clinton was a friend to all and knew no strangers, never faltering for those in need.

Clinton is survived by two daughters: Toni Reese of Sand Springs and Kathy Marshall of Shidler Oklahoma; Grandchildren: Marie Evans, Stephanie Rios, Amanda (and spouse) James Fite, Christopher Rios, Samantha Sarmiento and Austin Marshall; Great-Grandchildren: Dillon, Clinton, and Sadie Sorrells, Alyssa Wellner, and Amiyah Jackson; Sisters: Ruth Tate and Mary Mcguire; and lifelong friend: Dorothy Paulus.

In addition to his parents, James and Georgia Treadway, Clinton was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Treadway, several siblings, and Great Grandson, Ryan Fite.

The family would like to thank the staff of Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their care and services to Clinton.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Douglas. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4800 block of W. Hwy 80. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Pine. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Johnson Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity: Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ADAM ANTHONY STARR**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **EDDIE JAY WHITE**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of manufacture deliver controlled substance between one gram and four grams.
- **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass habitation/

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development days/student holidays.

The board approved a resolution confirming wage and salary payment to district employees during the recent school closure caused by winter storms.

“What you are voting on is something we’ve actually already done,” McWilliams told the board. “That is, we as a district paid our employees for that week, even though they weren’t up here working. The good part about it is, we were able to do that because our DEA Local policy allows us to do that. We’ve used that once before. What I did was, I called our attorney and he double-checked and he said, “The beauty part is, it’s already in your policy. You can go ahead and do it, but you still need to vote as a board on a resolution that says, “We went ahead and paid them.””

At the start of Thursday’s meeting, the school board recognized students and teachers involved in the district’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. The recognition was slated to occur at the February school board meeting, but, although the school board did meet, icy conditions caused by February’s winter storm kept the honorees home.

CTE Coordinator Vonnie Anderson introduced faculty and students involved in the program, and announced that CTE students will be able to wear a special cord on their graduation robes during ceremonies this year and in the future.

Students introduced

at the meeting included Gabriella Carter, Connor Crisp, Gabrielle Galan, Matt Galaviz, David Gonzalez, Shanelle Landsaw-Baird, Michael Martinez and Anailed Rivera. Alumnus Gia Ortega, currently a college student in Killeen, Texas, was also introduced at the meeting. Ortega is studying to become a CTE teacher specializing in construction trades.

Faculty members introduced include High School business teacher Brooke Everett, High School culinary arts teacher Erica Melton, Junior High CTE teacher Amanda Rivera, High School automotive teacher Stephen Robles, High School construction teacher Joseph Saiz and High School welding teacher Milton Woody.

“We are very, very proud of the teachers here, the students here. If you follow my Facebook page, the Big Spring ISD Facebook page, you see a lot of things happening with CTE,” McWilliams said. “A lot of things. We’re very, very proud of them. We’re very proud of the skills these kids are learning.”

In his superintendent’s report, McWilliams reported that the district’s enrollment currently stands at 3,637 students.

HOWARD

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College science faculty member Dr. Steven Hobbs urged the board to maintain its restrictions related to COVID-19. Hobbs noted that, as of Wednesday, there were 9.34 million active cases of COVID-19 in the United States. He went on to say that the mortality rate for the disease is 3.4 percent, meaning that more than 316,000 of those currently positive for the disease will die as a result. Mask-wearing could cut that death toll to fewer than 114,000 deaths, he said.

“Wearing a mask will decrease these numbers by 65 percent,” he said. “Proper social distancing with adequate airflow transverse to the individuals talking can reduce that by 90 percent. The former is easy to do. The latter is difficult in building such as Howard College, even with fewer face-to-face students.”

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Big Spring Herald Poll Question:

Gov. Abbott has rescinded the mask mandate. Will you be wearing a mask in public?

Yes - 80.3%

No - 11.3%

I never wore one anyway - 8.5%

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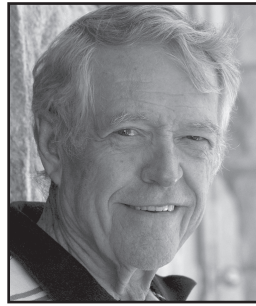
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The soul of the bird lady

I’ve had some conversations with Carolyn Ohl, who owns the Christmas Mountains Oasis located in a remote area near Terlingua. Serious birders and photographers go there to see the Lucifer Hummingbird, Elf Owl and a rare butterfly. Some call her the Bird Lady of the Big Bend. She is pro-

found in her observations about birding.

“Birders’ lives are enhanced by visiting the oasis for maybe a few hours in their lifetime, but mine is enhanced all day every day,” she says. “I’m always pruning, watering, filling feeders or pumping water so that the oasis will be lovely for birders. In the very beginning I may have done it for myself but it soon morphed into a passion that I cannot separate what’s for me and what’s for birders. I would do it even if no one visited, but the pleasure I derive from it is in sharing it.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

“After 25 plus years it just can’t be any other way. Until I got into birding in 1995 I felt like a square peg in a round hole. I never fit in anywhere. I was too different. But suddenly with the birding community I found my kindred spirits and feel I’m a part of an entity that’s special. I can’t separate myself anymore from that entity.

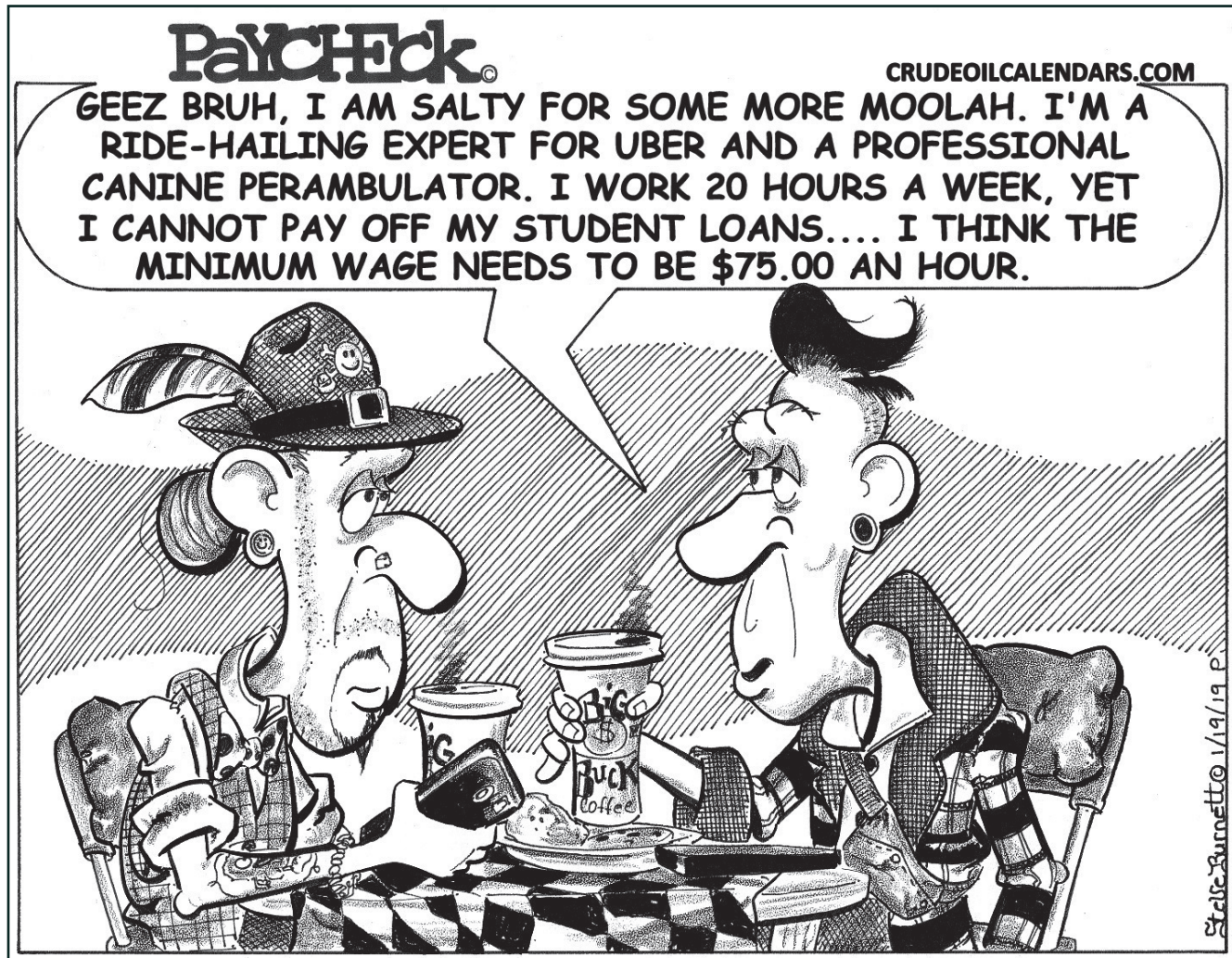
“I enjoy ancestry because I’m building a tree for posterity. I enjoy butterflies, dragonflies, birds and flowers and I document everything. I think the main reason I enjoy them is because it’s fun to see a new species for the first time and it’s fulfilling to feel like a part of nature. When I saw my first Lucifer it was like a religious experience.

“When I sit here with a birder who is getting their lifer Lucifer it’s as if I’m vicariously seeing it through their eyes for the first time, too. It’s an enormous pleasure for me. And it hurts me when great birds are there and I’m the only one seeing them. The pain of that exceeds the pleasure of seeing them. I love to share the birds.”

Her oasis in at the end of a 7-mile dirt road with bumps and curves. She gives maps to visitors. It is open only to those who make appointments to go there. The oasis has no overnight facilities. Carolyn doesn’t charge anything but occasionally she’ll get a grant for some improvements. Right now she’s building a new water feature and viewing area. Every August she holds a hummingbird festival and gives presentations about the fascinating tiny birds. She is on Facebook under Christmas Mountains Oasis.

When she was 5 years old in Iowa an uncle took her on a birding trip and bought her a child’s bird book. All the time she was growing up she thought birding was just for kids. Then, as an adult, her sister in law suggested she and Carolyn go birding. Carolyn went and was hooked.

She bought a section of land and built a comfortable home. She posted sightings of birds on various websites and soon birders all over the country and some foreign countries wanted to come to her place. Birds at the oasis have been featured on both PBS and National Geographic.



Memories of needles

Shew me someone who winces at the thought of hypodermic injections and chances are strong that such fears were birthed by some smart aleck kid who happens to be one or two school grades older.

I’ve persuaded myself to “man up”—after all, it now seems that injections are a way of life until reaching the exit. (Not until I was age 50 or so could I manage to keep such fears under wraps, and sometimes not even perspire.)

The current emphasis on inoculations against COVID-19 has led most senior adults to get their shots at the earliest possible opportunity, needles be hanged.

When I entered first grade in 1944, I was barely aware of needles. I’d heard about their hiding in haystacks, and my old mother saying something about a “stitch in time saves nine.”

The school year had barely started when conversations buzzed about a nurse coming to our school to give inoculations for measles and mumps.

You never heard such descriptions of pain. After all, second graders had experienced the “herd inoculation” a year earlier, so they had months to concoct stories that scared the “bejebers” out of naïve first graders.

Will this be the day? Fears of the nurse appearing THAT DAY persisted for a couple of weeks. This gave the plucky second grade “veterans” ample time to heap untruths upon our innocent ears. “Reckon she’ll use her crooked needle this year?” one asked. Another said a needle had

broken off in a child’s arm the previous year, and still another claimed the needle was bigger than veterinarians use on horses.



DON NEWBURY

To this day, the smell of alcohol reminds me of 1944, when our class of some 30 first graders was marched into the school auditorium, where there were screams, tantrums, teeth-gnashing and a couple of smothering spells.

Not to be forgotten, either, is the prankster who brought a catsup packet to school, smearing it on his arm as if the inoculation had caused great loss of blood.

Obviously, TV personnel sent out to make news clips at inoculation sites today don’t know so many of us have horrendous memories of getting inoculations back in the day. Almost invariably, they show close-up shots of needles being jabbed in, often with accompanying expressions of distrust on the recipients’ faces.

Just once I wish they would show a novice “shot-giver” (as I’m sure many of them are) injecting an orange. I’m told this is how they learn.

I’d much rather watch “Shark Tank” reruns than see folks being injected. First grade experiences, I guess, made me that way.

In the 1970s, Carter Blood Center in Fort Worth handed out bumper stickers.

I applauded the intent, but felt their word choice was ill-

advised. It read: “Hurts a little, helps a lot.”

I cringed. Is it really a good idea to suggest that it hurts at all, even if only a little? The message was short-lived...

Today, there are “real troopers” when it comes to such matters. I doubt that many children dread taking injections these days.

I know that my great-niece, Harper Odette, is in that category.

A while back, the six-year-old suffered what they call a “green stick fracture” in a playground fall. It was essentially the same injury her 12-year-old brother, Austin, had sustained earlier.

She “ho-hummed” her way through procedures at the hospital emergency room, where her dad Philip was the one who could have used a sedative.

When the nurse injected the “mild sedative” to Harper before her surgery, she seemed to fell asleep immediately. The nurse admitted that it usually took a while longer for anesthesia to kick in.

Philip continued to study Harper’s face, leaning closer. “Boo,” the youngster shrieked.

Finally, this joke about a patient undergoing anesthesia for the first time.

“This makes one feel like he’s drunk, doesn’t it, doctor?”

“I wouldn’t know,” the doc responded. “I’ve never had anesthesia.”

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Escovedo shines in shutout win, giving the Steers baseball team close victory over Pecos Eagles



Herald Photos/Dustin Pope

Top Left: Freshman Catcher Marcos Paradez prepares to accept a pitch. Top Right: Ricky Escovedo stares down to get his pitching signs from Paradez. Escovedo had an amazing game against the Pecos Eagles, pitching a complete game shutout. Propelling the Steers to a 2 to 0 win.

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Steers Baseball team opened up their play in the West Texas Baseball classic this past Thursday night, March 11, taking on the Pecos Eagles at Steer Ballpark. The Steers started tournament play with an exciting win in a close game 2 to 0. The game was highlighted by Sophomore Pitcher Ricky Escovedo who dazzled on the mound, pitching a complete-game shutout. Escovedo only allowed three hits and struck out seven on his day of work. While Escovedo shined, it was also the defense behind the young pitcher who did their part in the field, making play after play to keep runners off base. It was a complete team effort for the Steers who pushed their record to 9-3-1.

The first inning of the game started with two ground outs to third baseman Jose Cantu who fielded the balls with no problems. Escovedo then earned his first strikeout of the night to end the top of the first inning. Maverick Yanez leads off the game for the Steers with a hard-hit single. Gabriel Baeza then came up and drove in Yanez, scoring the first run of the game. The Steers ended the first inning of play with a 1 to 0 lead.

The second inning of work for Escovedo started very much like the first, with the first two quick outs being ground balls to third baseman Cantu. He then struck out the last batter of the inning. Big Spring went down in order in

the top of the second, keeping the lead at 1 to 0 after two innings of play.

The third inning of work for Ricky was more of the same as the Steers defense made great plays to keep runners off the bases; through three innings of work, Escovedo had only allowed two base runners even to reach base. The bottom of the third saw the Steers get two baserunners on but could not find a way to push them across.

To start the fourth, Escovedo continued to dominate the Eagles, as he had another easy inning of work highlighted by a diving run-saving catch by Right Fielder Gabriel Baeza. The Steers went on to add an insurance run in the fourth inning when Pablito Dehoyos would come around to score after a slew of errors from the Pecos defense. Making the score 2 to 0.

Escovedo would pitch an amazing game, not allowing Pecos to ever get into a groove keeping the Eagles' bats off balance and guessing in the box all game long.

The 2 to 0 win for the Steers is a good starting point for the weekend as they continue to play in the West Texas Classic over the weekend, leading up to District play Starting Tuesday in Lubbock.

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Thunder beat Mavs 116-108 as Doncic, Porzingis rest

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 32 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder held on for a 116-108 victory Thursday night against a Dallas Mavericks team that rested Luka Doncic and Kristaps Porzingis.

The Thunder made five of their first six 3-point attempts and built a 35-19 advantage after one quarter, then held off a late Dallas rally.

Dallas cut the deficit to 103-101 with just under 2 minutes remaining but Gilgeous-Alexander scored on back-to-back possessions and made six consecutive free throws in the closing minutes.

"He made it look so easy," veteran Al Horford said. "His shot-making ability and poise continue to impress me. We needed those buckets, and he took us home."

Oklahoma City outrebounded Dallas 21-5 in the first period and finished the half making 10 of its 14 3-point attempts (71%). The Thunder cooled off

from there but still finished 16 of 32 behind the arc.

"We were sharp early and I give our guys credit with how they handled themselves during the break," Thunder coach Mark Daigneault said. "They were ready to play from the jump."

Josh Richardson scored 27 points for the Mavericks. He scored to cut the deficit to 67-59 early in the third, but Al Horford responded with a three from the top of the key and a traditional three-point play on consecutive possessions.

Horford added 21 points and was 4 for 5 on 3-point attempts.

Jalen Brunson scored 26 and Tim Hardaway Jr. added 24 for the Mavericks, who fell to 19-17.

Lightning raise banner for fans, beat Predators 6-3

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Playing in front of their home fans for the first time this season, the Tampa Bay Lightning raised their 2020 Stanley Cup banner and beat the Nashville Predators 6-3 on Saturday night.

Tyler Johnson and Blake Coleman each had a goal and an assist for the Lightning. Alex Killorn, Brayden Point, Mathieu Joseph and Anthony Cirelli also scored. Erik Cernak and Ondrej Palat had two assists apiece.

Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 28 shots to earn his NHL-leading 17th win.

Erik Haula, Alexandre Carrier and Yakov Trenin scored for the Predators, who fell to 1-5-1 in their past seven games. Pekka Rinne made 21 saves.

With a maximum crowd of 3,800 in attendance, the Lightning hoisted their 2020 championship banner to the rafters and jumped to a three-goal lead.

"It was awesome ... 3,800 and it felt almost like a sold-out building to me," Coleman said. "You could feel the energy, the excitement of having people back and their excitement being around the team again. I know for me personally seeing that banner go up brought it all back, a big wave of feelings."

Johnson opened the scoring, sliding along the ice before tapping in a pass from Cernak at 6:55 of the first period. Joseph made it 2-0 with 1:25 left with a slap shot from the right circle for his sixth of the season.

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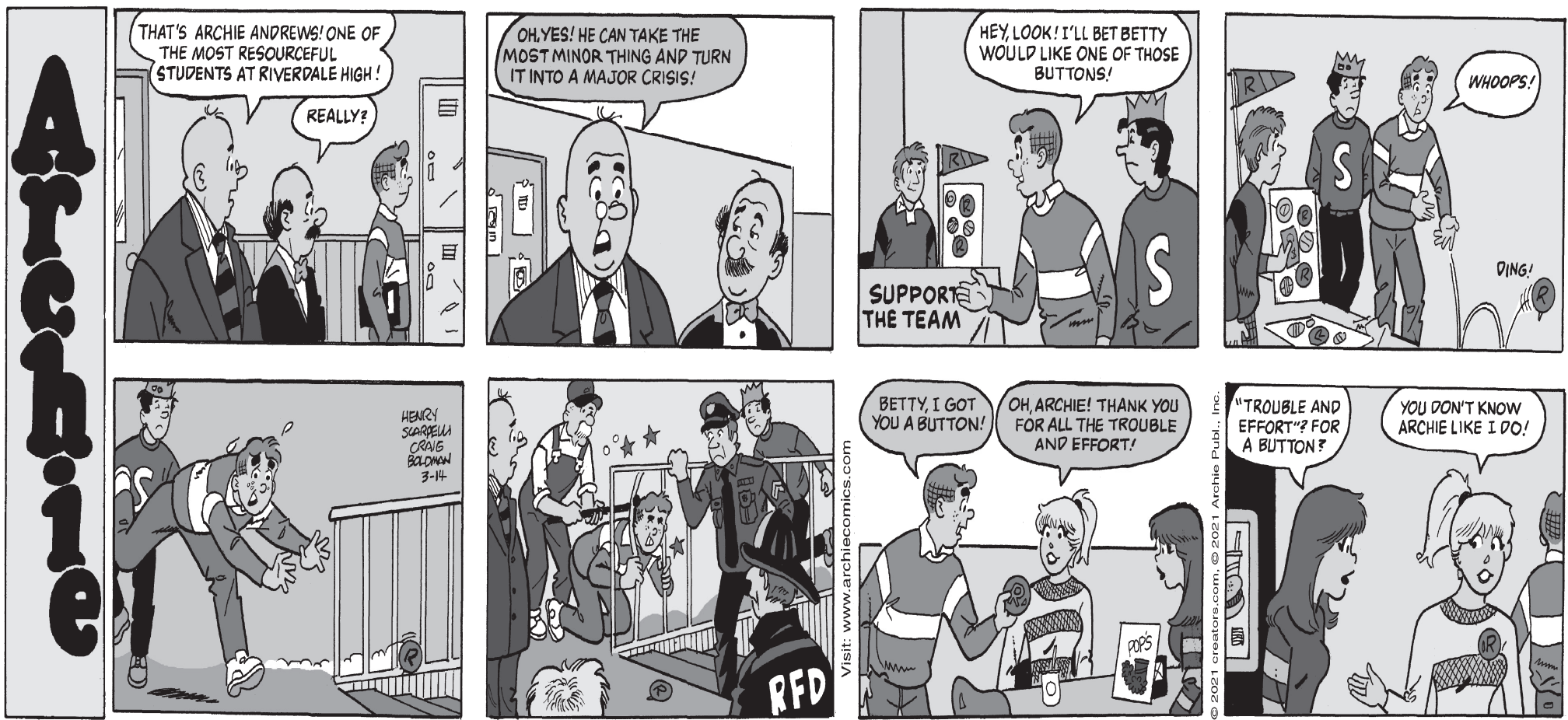
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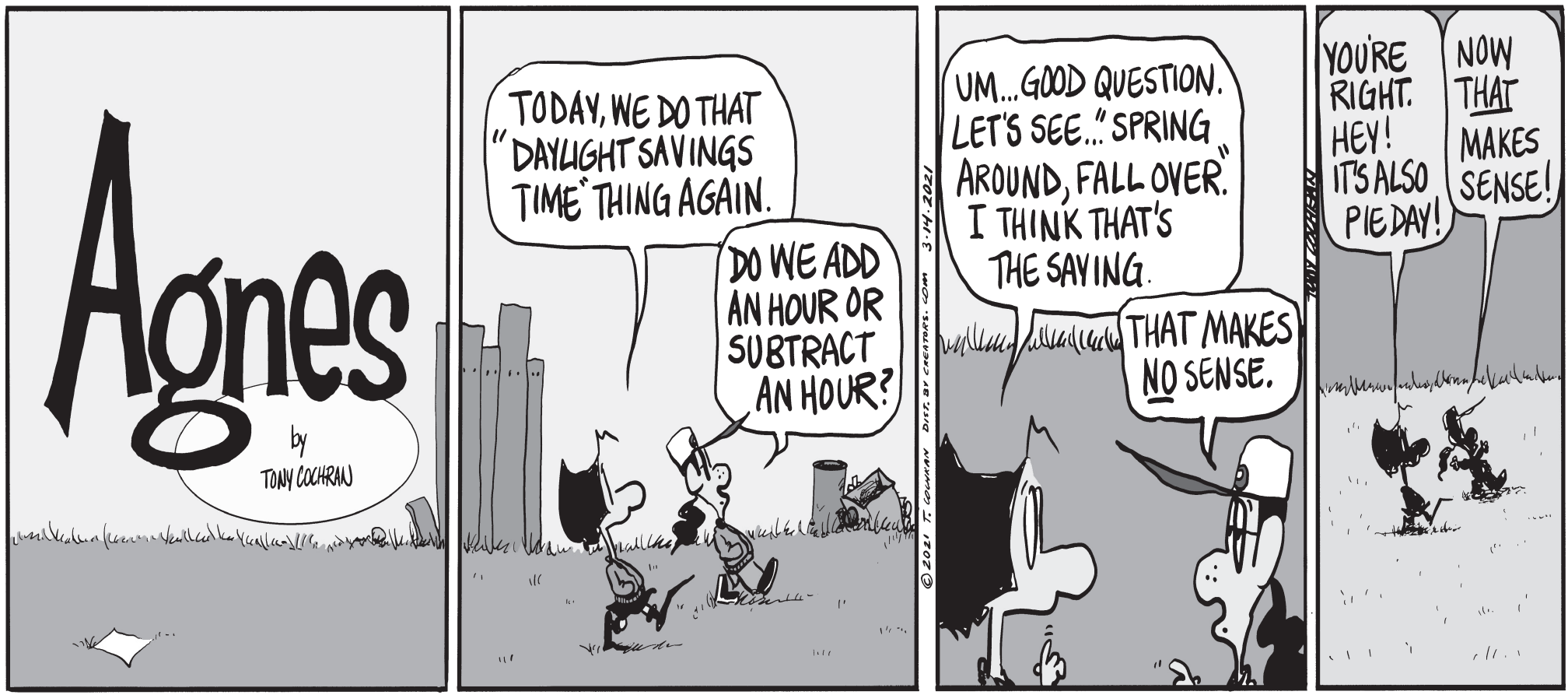
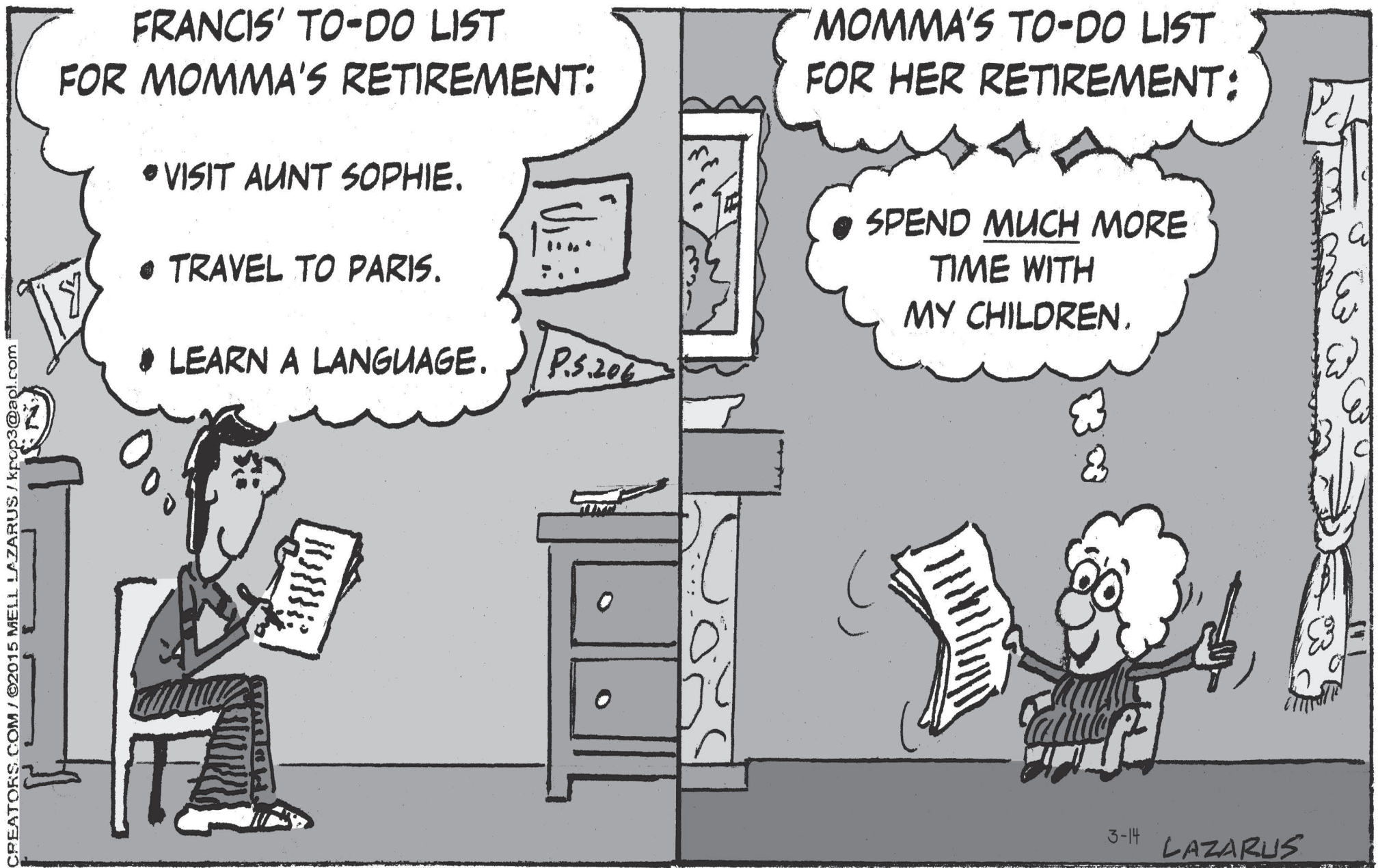
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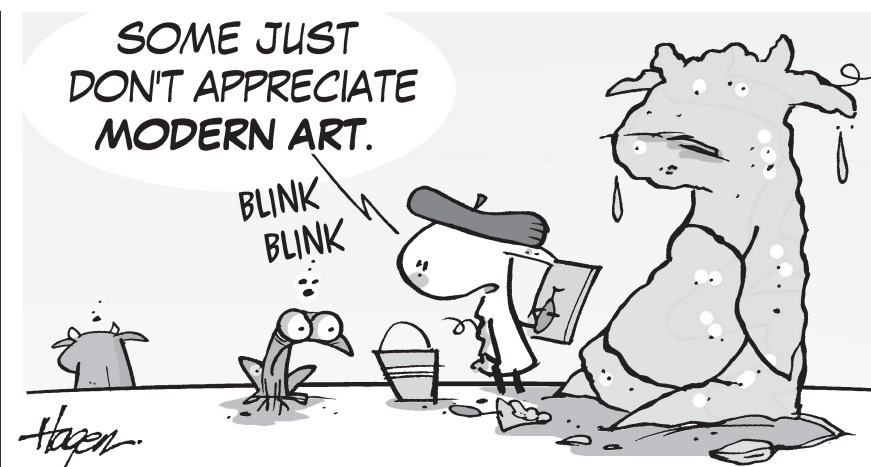
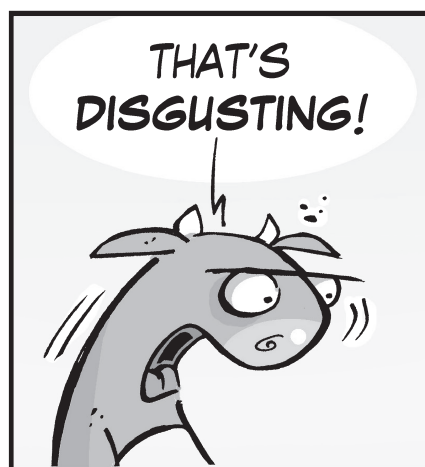
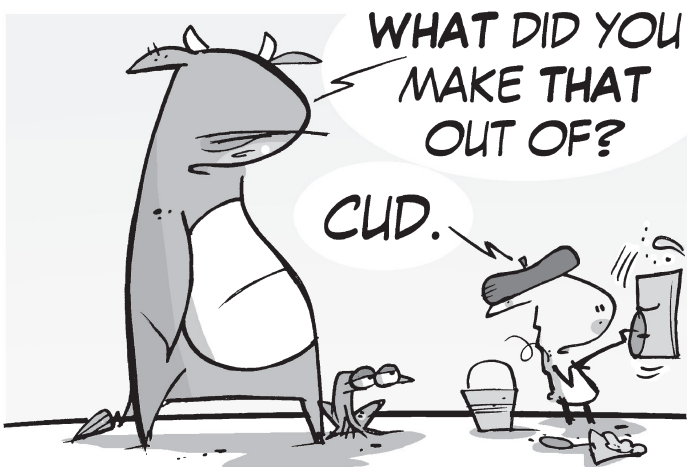
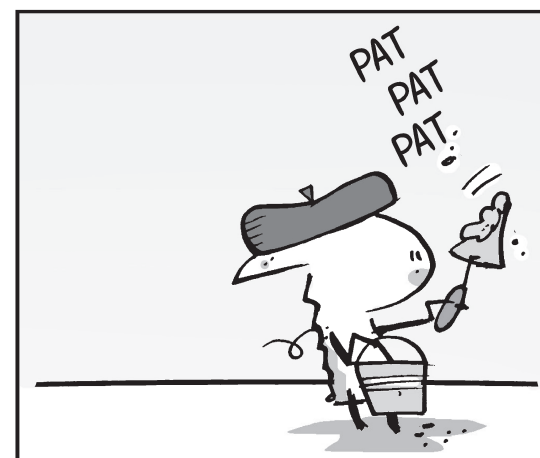
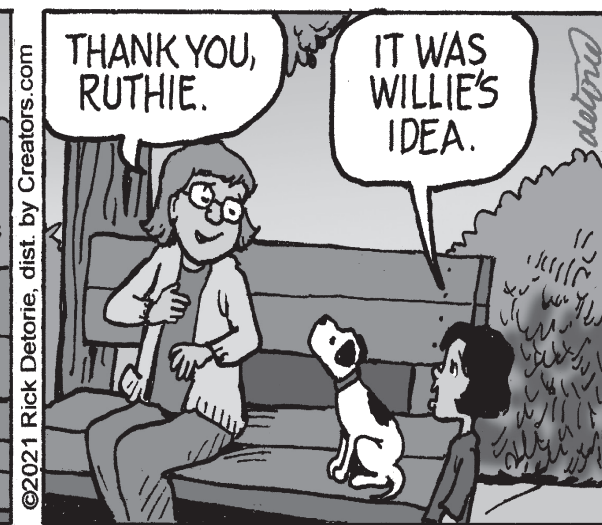
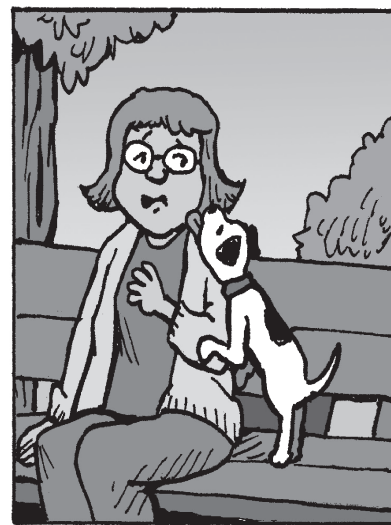
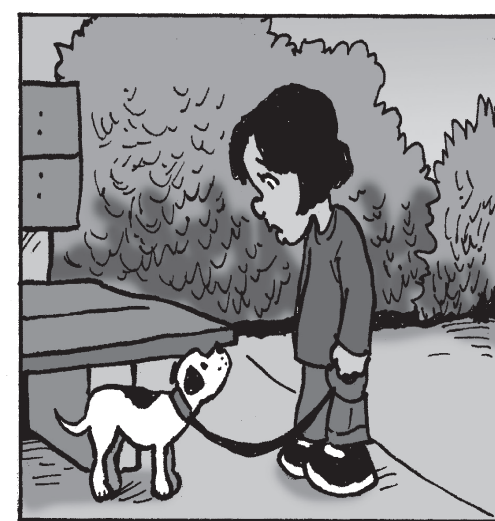
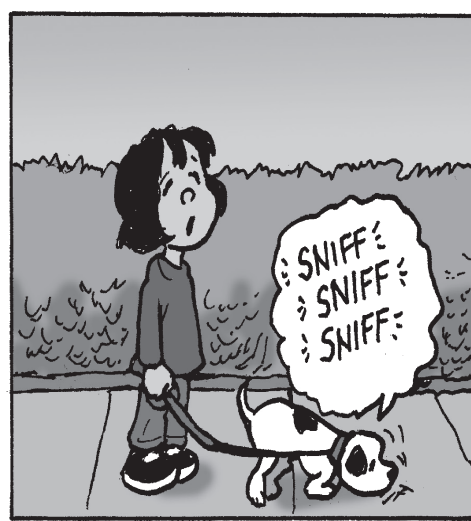
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Coahoma High School host signing as three Student Athletes take next step



Top Left: Kenzi Canales has signed with Mcpherson College to play Softball next season. Top Center: Joceyln Torres-Mendoza signed to play Softball with Ryder University, a Division 1 program in New Jersey. Top Right: Tony Hagins enlisted in the Marines to take his next step after High School. Congratulations to all the young students preparing for life after high school.

Special to the Herald

Kenzi Canales
Coahoma High School senior Kenzi Canales committed to play softball at McPherson College in Kansas, which competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) division and the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC). A four-year member of the Coahoma High School softball team, Canales plays both catcher and third baseman. Her freshman year, Canales was selected as the 5-3A All-District Newcomer of the Year. The CHS Bulldogettes advanced to the area round of the 3A state playoffs during Canales freshman and sophomore year. Last year's softball season was cut short because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Canales will play second baseman for the McPherson Bulldogs, who are coached by Tony Segovia. Canales plans to study Criminal Justice while at McPherson.

Jocelyn Torres-Mendoza
Next year, Jocelyn Torres-Mendoza will join the Rider University Broncs softball team as a catcher/utility player. The New Jersey-base University athletic program competes in the NCAA Division I Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. Torres-Mendoza has played softball for Coahoma her junior and senior years and for the Big Spring Lady Steers her freshman and sophomore years. During her sophomore year, the Lady Steers advanced to the regional quarter-finals of the UIL 4A state playoffs. Torres-Mendoza plans

to study pre-med at Rider University. Rider head softball coach Davon Ortega on Torres-Mendoza: "Jocelyn is absolutely fierce when she steps on the field. She is feisty and tenacious both behind the plate and in the batter's box. She will add power to our offensive lineup and leadership through her love of the grind and inexhaustible work ethic." (source Rider University's Athletic website)

Tony Hagins
Tony Hagins has committed to serve his country by joining the U.S. Marine Corps. Hagins was a captain of the football and basketball teams this past year and has participated in Coahoma athletics all four years of high school. Hagins was selected to the 2020 5-3A All-District football first team offense and was named to the 2021 5-3A All-District basketball honorable mention list.



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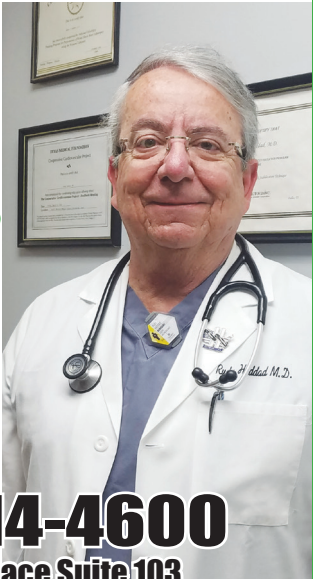
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Don't forget to Spring Forward



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

The first quarter of the year is almost behind us and this weekend, time will be springing forward, as Daylight Savings Time begins. Time is set to change at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14. With the time change, sunrise and sunset will be about an hour later on March 14 and more light will be seen

in the evening.

The beginning of daylight savings time means Summer is that much closer. Daylight Savings Time will run through Nov. 7, 2021, when clocks will once again Fall backward gaining more light in the morning time. Many of the countries in the Northern Hemisphere utilize Daylight Savings Time such as North America, Central America, Europe, Asia and northern Africa.

Over the past several years the discussion has taken place on if Daylight Savings Time should be utilized and while heavy opinions have been presented on both sides of the argument, the majority of the United States is still adhering to the DST practice. There are however several states that have passed bills in favor of permanent DST, but Congress has yet to pass a federal law allowing any state to observe DST year-round.

According to information provided by TimeandDate.com, U.S. Inventor Benjamin Franklin first proposed the concept of DST in 1784, but the modern Daylight Savings Time was first suggested in 1895. George Vernon Hudson, an entomologist from New Zealand presented the idea of a two-hour daylight saving shift. An interesting fact is while in the U.S. Clocks are moved forward or turned back an hour, in Lord Howe Island in Australia clocks are only moved 30 minutes forward.

For some the switch that takes place at Daylight Savings Time can be a tough one. In order to help adjust to the new schedule, there are a few tips to help ease into the time shift:

- Set your alarm for 30 minutes earlier Sunday
- Eat some good breakfast meals this week - breakfast is the energizer of the day; don't skip it if energy is lacking
- Get some sunlight - soak in the sunlight while you can
- Keep up your routine exercise schedule - just because time is shifting doesn't mean your schedule has to change up and exclude activities that benefit your day to day health and positive energy
- Drink extra water, limit caffeine, alcohol and sugar
- Manage stress with whatever stress busting technique works best for you - this is where the exercise routines come back into play; utilize the energy you have and use your environment around you to fuel the positivity in the day as well as eliminate the stress.
- Go to sleep a few minutes earlier - if the time shift is causing you to hit the snooze button a couple extra times in the mornings, adjust your bedtime and gain a few extra minutes of sleep by going to bed earlier than normal.

St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching - Think Green; step into traditions



By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

An annual tradition that dates back over 1,000 years - St. Patrick's Day - takes place on March 17, which marks the anniversary of St. Patrick's death. The celebration falls during the season of Lent and has deep roots in the Irish culture.

St. Patrick lived in the fifth century and was known as the patron saint of Ireland and the national apostle. He was born in Roman Britain and was kidnapped at the age of 26 and brought to Ireland as a slave; later he would escape and return to Ireland and be marked as the one

who brought Christianity to the people, according to The History Channel website.

The first St. Patrick's Day was first observed in the 10th century and was recognized as the Roman Catholic feast day. The first parade took place in America in recognition of the holiday on March 17, 1601 in St. Augustine, Florida. Since the initial celebration, the recognition of the St. Patrick's Day holiday in America has continued to grow and continues to be recognized to this day.

Each year on St. Patrick's Day celebrations take place across the nation and the color green can be found in numerous foods, drinks and even rivers.

One of the most popular celebrations is the dying of the Chicago River which

began in 1962, when city pollution-control workers used dyes to trace illegal sewage discharge and realized green dye might be a unique way to celebrate. In the beginning enough dye was dropped in the river to keep it green for a week, each year. However, in an effort to minimize the environmental damage only enough dye - 40 pounds - is dumped to turn the river green for several hours.

Of course, what is a tradition without traditional foods. A few of the more popular foods include Irish soda bread, corned beef and cabbage and champ.

People across the United States can be found wearing green and those who forget to place some sort of green are taking the chance they just might be pinched.

As St. Patrick's Day draws near, don't miss out on showing off your creative dishes and do your best to not walk out of the house without a little bit of green on.



Mashed potatoes 7 ways

Courtesy/Metro

Rich and creamy mashed potatoes are always a St. Patrick's Day favorite. Try these crowd-pleasing variations to create a mashed potato bar or unexpected side dish for this year's feast!

1. Sub sour cream or Greek yogurt for milk and top with fresh dill or chives for a tangy touch.
2. Add Jack cheese, sliced scallions and minced jalapenos for a Tex-Mex taste.
3. Mix in bacon, cheddar cheese, parsley and chopped scallions with several tablespoons of bacon drippings to taste.
4. Swirl in a helping of pesto sauce, and top off the bowl with a handful of pine nuts.
5. Mix the mash with hummus, and sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds and sumac.
6. Mix in grated Parmesan and Romano cheeses with a touch of garlic or truffle oil.
7. Combine with a mixture of cooked cabbage, onions or leek and bacon for traditional Irish Colcannon.



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

Diabetes Mellitus in Pets

By **MELANIE GAMBRELL**
Pet Care Specialist

Over my years as a pet owner and as a rescuer I've owned a diabetic cat and I am now dealing with my second diabetic dog. It's reported 1 out of 100 dogs that are in the ages of 12 years will develop diabetes. Cats, it's estimated that 1 in 230 may become diabetics.

However, it is less common for Diabetes Mellitus in cats than dogs. 80-90% of diabetic cats are more likely to have something similar to type 2 diabetes as reported by Wikipedia.

Diabetes Mellitus develops when your pet's (dog or cat) body has stopped producing their own insulin, has inadequate levels or an abnormal response to insulin. Certain breeds like Terriers, Toy Poodles, Cocker Spaniels, Doberman Pinschers, German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers and Dachshunds are more frequently affected, but all dogs and cats can develop diabetes. Cats that are older and are overweight are more common to develop Diabetes Mellitus and neutered males

are at a greater risks than females. You will see a larger number of Siamese cats experiencing diabetes than your DSH (Domestic Shorthair) or DLH (Domestic Longhair). Some research show several factors including genetics, age, injury, illness, diet and obesity plan a roll in Diabetes .

The signs may not be noticeable at first like with BoBo, my aging, 144 lb St Bernard/Pyrenees Mix. Signs of Diabetes Mellitus can be any of the following:

1. Frequent Urination
2. Drinking Unusual Amounts of Water
3. Always Hungry
4. Weight Loss
5. Coat Change
6. Cloudy Eyes
7. Sleeping and Less Active

BoBo was drinking much more water than usual, he had started urinating in the house, unable to hold his bladder and I noticed that he wasn't as active. I used a small plastic container with a lid and catch a urine sample for our veterinarian and dropped BoBo off for an evaluation.

BoBo spent the day running tests and he was diagnosed with Diabetes Mellitus. Blood Glucose tests were then preformed and Insulin was given and monitored throughout the day.

Having a pet diagnosed with any form of Diabetes, at the beginning be a costly expense. Regular visits to check your pets Glucose to regulate their insulin along with a Prescription diet can get expensive.

Knowing this, you want to do what's best for the long-term health of your pet as diabetes can NOT be cured and your dog or cat will be on insulin the rest of their lives. But once you settle into the routine of setting your alarm twice a day for regular feedings and giving the insulin shots, life will go back to normal.

I know you ask, but how do I give the injections? How much food will my pet eat? What time do I give the shots? Don't worry all this will be discussed with your family veterinarian.

They will go over all the details and many will have a stuffed animal for



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Gambrell's beloved BoBo, a St. Bernard/Pyrenees Mix.

you to practice giving shots on. Trust me, it was a little nerve wracking for me when my cat was diagnosed, but your pet depends on you to help them out. One thing to remember is that you now have to regulate their food and more than likely you'll be feeding a special diet or prescription diet to your pet. Visit with your vet about any treats you many feed your pets throughout the day. Your Veterinarian may recommend something that won't effect their blood sugars.

If you live with a person in your family or a friend that is a diabetic they are a great resource into what your pet might be feeling and going through. Talk to them, ask them questions and always consult your veterinarian on the health of your pet.

If you notice any changes in your pet's behavior, the most common is low blood sugar levels, contact your vet. If your pet shows signs of weakness, lethargy contact your vet and they will advise on the proper steps to take.

Please DON'T LITTER, spay and neuter



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Pictured above is one of the treatments Gambrell has used to help manage her pet's diabetes.

To contact Gambrell, e-mail her at r4thepets@aol.com or reach out to her on Facebook.



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After giving your pet their injection, in order to safely dispose of used needles, utilize an old water bottle.

BBB: Online purchase scams

Adults ages 18-24 reported the highest median losses and the highest likelihood of loss to BBB Scam TrackerSM in 2020, according to the Better Business Bureau (BBB). Previously, older age groups consistently lost higher median dollar amounts to scammers year over year, even while young adults tended to lose money more often. This year, the financial loss reported by those 18-24 was equal to that of adults 65+. Online scams rise during COVID-19 pandemic: 2020 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report (BBB.org/RiskReport), focuses on the impact of scams in the wake of the pandemic and the demographic groups most at risk.

More scams were perpetrated online and yielded the highest likelihood of financial loss in 2020. This is likely connected to consumer habit shifts since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic; in a survey of over 5,000 individuals that reported scams to BBB Scam TrackerSM(BBB.org/ScamTracker) in 2020, 43.1% said they spent more time online due to the pandemic, and 57.1% said they purchased more online because of the pandemic.

"Scammers go where they feel they can best take advantage of people," said Melissa Lanning Trumpower, executive director of the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, BBB's educational foundation. "Not surprisingly, scams perpetrated online through websites and social media apps were the riskiest contact methods for all age groups in 2020 - including both young adults as well as older adults."

The risk of financial loss also rose significantly in 2020. Nearly one of ev-

ery two reports to BBB Scam Tracker (46.7%) noted a financial loss, with two-thirds of reports (64.7%) resulting in financial loss being online purchase scams, which was the top riskiest scam in 2020. Online purchase scams were the most common scam reported to BBB, comprising 38.3% of all scam reports. Pet and PPE-related online purchase scams spiked during the pandemic.

"Scammers are opportunists," said Trumpower. "If there is a shortage of a product, or an opportunity to leverage a person's heightened emotional state - they will use that scarcity or fear for their personal gain. Scammers will also imposter a recognizable and respected organization or brand to get your attention."

Another way scammers take advantage of younger adults in particular is by utilizing a payment method less familiar to younger generations: checks. Fake check scams were the second most risky scam for adults ages 18-24 in a year where payment via online payment systems rose across all age groups. Fake check scams yielded one of the highest median dollar losses per encounter at \$1,679 in 2020.

"Scams aren't just a drain to people's wallets," Trumpower noted. "In our annual study of individuals that reported a scam to BBB Scam Tracker, a majority reported losing time and confidence or peace of mind in the marketplace, with over one-third also losing personally identifiable information in the encounter. We share these insights to help fight fraud and promote a trustworthy marketplace for all."

Goal Accomplished: 100 points

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Ariana Pena second student on Washington Elementary campus to receive 100+ AR points. She also has one of the highest AR percentage with 86% for the year. Students test on a continuous basis with AR books to try and obtain set goals as the semester rolls on. Along the way, at different intervals, students are recognized and rewarded for the job well done for their reading and testing.



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Chamber of Commerce happenings ...



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The first Alive After 5 event of the year was hosted by C. Larson this past week. The community along with Chamber members had the opportunity to tour the offices and meet the realtors, as well as find out information about upcoming community events.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off the networking events for this year with the first Alive After 5 even of the year. The networking opportunity was hosted by C. Larson and provided an opportunity for Chamber members and community members to tour the offices and meet the realtors. An oppor-

tunity was also made available for those looking to form new business connections in the community along with the ability to find out about upcoming activities and information on how to invest back into the community. The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce has been hosting Thank You presentations and ribbon cuttings over the past couple of weeks, and has more planned in the coming weeks.

The next event on the calendar is a Thank You presentation - in recognition of their investment back into the community - at Marcy Place and that same morning a Ribbon Cutting for the Life Center. The Life Center will be celebrating the new addition of the sonogram and Baby Boutique. To find out more about the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, call 432-263-7641.

West Texas gas prices rose 7.7 cents per gallon this past week; averaging \$2.50

Special to the Herald
GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 7.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.50/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 34.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 41.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.95/g today while the most expensive is \$3.19/g, a difference of \$1.24/g. The lowest price in the state today is \$1.95/g while the highest is \$3.19/g, a difference of \$1.24/g. The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.77/g today. The national average is up 29.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 41.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Historical gasoline prices in Texas and the national average going back ten years:
March 8, 2020: \$2.09/g (U.S. Average: \$2.36/g)
March 8, 2019: \$2.21/g (U.S. Average: \$2.47/g)
March 8, 2018: \$2.28/g (U.S. Average: \$2.53/g)
March 8, 2017: \$2.10/g (U.S. Average: \$2.30/g)
March 8, 2016: \$1.59/g (U.S. Average: \$1.81/g)
March 8, 2015: \$2.24/g (U.S. Average: \$2.46/g)
March 8, 2014: \$3.24/g (U.S. Average: \$3.49/g)
March 8, 2013: \$3.56/g (U.S. Average: \$3.71/g)
March 8, 2012: \$3.58/g (U.S. Average: \$3.76/g)
March 8, 2011: \$3.41/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
Midland Odessa- \$2.73/g, up 9.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.63/g.
San Antonio- \$2.41/g, up 6.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.34/g.
Austin- \$2.44/g, up 8.0 cents per gallon from last

week's \$2.36/g. "OPEC surprised oil markets last week by extending oil production cuts for another month, ignoring the resurgence in global demand as economies recover from COVID-19. Markets responded by pushing oil prices up some 12%. As a result, motorists should prepare for further gas price increases in the weeks and potentially months ahead, with a \$3 per gallon national average potentially less than a month away," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "At the start of this year, it was somewhat outlandish to predict a \$3 per gallon national average for the summer driving season, but thanks to the speed of recovery from the pandemic pushing demand higher and OPEC's reluctance to raise oil production, we're on the cusp of making that a reality. It's extremely frustrating as a consumer to feel helpless as prices soar and as millions remain unemployed, so the only advice I can offer consumers is prepare for further increases, and to mitigate rising prices, shop around for the low prices every time you need to refuel. I'm hopeful OPEC will see the error in their ways at next month's meeting, but with demand exceeding supply, the longer the imbalance continues, the longer it will take for any rise in oil production to offset it."

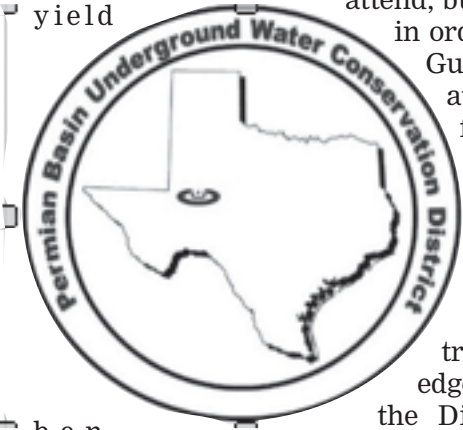
GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey covering credit card transactions at 100,000 stations and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on 7,000 gas stations, GasBuddy's 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>.

Capture some rainwater harvesting knowledge with the PBUWCD

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD
PBUWCD

STANTON – While West Texas has seen some exceptionally dry and extreme drought conditions since August, the little amount of rainfall received could have filled a rain barrel! One inch of rain on a 2,000 square foot roof will yield about 1,200 gallons of water. Imagine the possibilities of capturing large amounts of water to store in your own personal rain barrel. Rainwater Harvesting is a great practice in dry arid areas because one heavy rain can fill a rain barrel. Stored rainwater can be used for landscape, small wild life, indoor plants, fire protection, or storm water management. While the practice of rainwater harvesting is not commonly known, the benefits of capturing rain can make a positive difference on your outdoor water use. Rainwater has a near neutral pH, is chlorine free, and doesn't have mineral deposits or harsh chemicals. This makes rainwater ideal to use on lawns, landscape, and even crops and fields.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) would like to host a Rainwater Harvesting Seminar to teach the public more about rainwater harvesting and how simple



it can be to install a rainwater harvesting system on your own home or building. The seminar would take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. Saint Peter St. in Stanton on Thursday, May 6th from 5:30-6:30 PM. Due to safety concerns, a pre-registration is required with no more than 10 guest being able to attend, but a minimum of 5 guests needed in order to proceed with the seminar. Guests will be temperature checked at the door and asked to wear a face covering and practice social distancing as much as possible. If you would like to attend, please call the PBUWCD office by Wednesday, April 7th, at 432-756-2136 to register. Those in attendance will be introduced to some general knowledge of rainwater harvesting from the District's education coordinator. Then the District's field technician, Shain Howard, will tell how he installed an outdoor system on the PBUWCD building in 2016 which consists of 2- 2,500 gallon tanks as well as rain barrels and rain chains. Shain will tell how plans were developed, how the system was built, and what maintenance it requires. There will also be a door prize drawing for a rain barrel and rain chain giveaway. Come learn with the PBUWCD how simple it can be to install your own rainwater harvesting system for use outside of your home!

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
Gloria Cerna, P.O Box 55, Lamesa
Matilda Cortez, 302 N St. Teresa
Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd., Osyka, Miss.
Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
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Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
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Clayton W. Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E Parker, Midland
Joanna Esparza, 501 S.Tackitt Seymour, Texas
Carol W. Evans, 809 E 33rd, Plainview, Texas
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Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
Leza Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
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Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
Juana Fierro, 406 N. W. 5th St., Big Spring
Tracy D. Flores, 2401 Russell Ave., Abilene
Ellen French, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla.
Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
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Mary Jo Garner, 11802 Silver Barring Cove, San Antonio
William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
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Perry Gholar, 1510 Nolan, Big Spring
Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
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Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
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Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
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Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring

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Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
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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

County Court Rulings

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

Defendant: Andrew Shober
Offense: Evading Arrest/Detention
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$50 reimbursement fee; time served.
Defendant: Amador Rios Jr.
Offense: Criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$270 court costs, \$20 reimbursement fee; one time payment.

Defendant: Gilbert Hinojos
Offense: Evading arrest/detention
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Joshua Owen
Offense: Fail to identify – fugitive from justice
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$270 court costs, \$20 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Thomas Wray
Offense: Criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$60 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Samuel Barron
Offense: Driving while intoxicated 2nd
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$75 reimbursement fee; time served.

Defendant: Jason Ogorman
Offense: Driving while intoxicated
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$85 reimbursement fee; time served.

District Court Filings
Plaintiff: Melissa Resendez
Defendant: Amanda Resendez
Type of Case: Divorce – no children
Date: March 4, 2021

Plaintiff: Jennifer Salinas
Defendant: Arturo Perez
Type of Case: Divorce - children
Date: March 5, 2021

Plaintiff: Paul Martin
Defendant: Elizabeth Martin
Type of Case: Divorce - children
Date: March 4, 2021

Plaintiff: James Fite and Amanda Fite, individually and as joint representatives of the Estate of Ryan Fite, deceased
Defendant: Raider Pump & Supply, Inc. and Jesus Rene Montoya
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – motor vehicles
Date: March 4, 2021

Plaintiff: TD Auto Finance LLC f/k/a Chrysler Financial
Defendant: Alberto Mejia, Rebecca Mejia
Type of Case: Contract – consumer/commercial/debt
Date: March 8, 2021

Plaintiff: Refujila Luna
Defendant: Wanda King and Byron King
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – motor vehicles
Date: March 8, 2021

Plaintiff: Laurel Hernandez
Defendant: Mario Hernandez
Type of Case: Divorce - children
Date: March 9, 2021

Plaintiff: Ally Bank
Defendant: Wade Petersen
Type of Case: Civil case - other
Date: March 9, 2021

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Jimmie Hawkins and Evelyn Hawkins, a married couple
Grantee: H&D Trust dated Aug. 16
Property: Being the E/2 of Lot No. 7, in block No. 2, Banks Addition, City of Big Spring Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in envelope in 5/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas
Date: February 18, 2021

Grantor: Steven Glen Hughes, not joined by spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is a sole and separate property and does not constitute any part of any homestead
Grantee: Ty Hill Hughes and Kimberly Hughes
Property: Being a 20.0 acre tract, more or less, out of the NE/4 of Section 17, block T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds
Date: February 18, 2021

Grantor: Pedro Garcia and wife, Belinda Garcia
Grantee: Timothy Alcalá
Property: Lot 23, block 3, Belvue Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to proper map or plat of record.
Date: February 23, 2021

Grantor: Matthew L. Earhart
Grantee: Clayton Bentley and Patsy Bentley
Property: Lot 14, block 28, in College Park Estates a subdivision of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in the plat records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: February 19, 2021

Grantor: Zaxtra Homes, Inc
Grantee: Eric Walter Sonne
Property: All of the N/2 of the NW/4 of Lot 2, block 69, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Date: February 23, 2021

Grantor: James Lee Walker, independent executor of the estate of Arval Walker aka Arval Louie Walker, deceased
Grantee: Jesse Dickens
Property: Being a 1.0 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Section 48, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds.
Date: February 10, 2021

Grantor: Andrea Silva
Grantee: Christa Ann Silva
Property: Being lot 22, in block No. 7, of the Wright's Airport Addition to the City of Big Spring, in Howard County, Texas
Date: February 26, 2021

Grantor: Armando Paredes and Amber Paredes
Grantee: Elrod Hobbs, LLC and RPCP 1958 LLC
Property: Being Lot 3, block 3, Western Hills Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in Envelope 105/A Plat Records of Howard County.
Date: February 26, 2021

Grantor: Mikel Friedland
Grantee: Tommy Churchwell and Laurie Churchwell
Property: Lots 1 and 2, subdivision A, amended Fairview Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to proper map or plat of record in the Plat Records of Howard

County, Texas
Date: February 12, 2021

Grantor: Robert F. Fitzgibbons AKA Robert F. Fitzgibbons Jr. and Kristina K. Fitzgibbons
Grantee: Terry Nichols and Dorothy Nichols
Property: Tract No. 1: All of the West 100 feet of Lot 25, in block 3, Highland South Addition No. 2 an addition to the City of Big Spring Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat of said addition of record in the office of the county clerk of said Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: Being 0.5 acre tract of land, more or less, out of and part of Section 8, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds
Date: February 26, 2021

Grantor: Robert F. Fitzbibbons AKA Robert F. Fitzgibbons Jr and Kristina K. Fitzgibbons
Grantee: Terry Nichols and Dorothy Nichols
Property: The E/20' of Lot 25, block 3 a replat and an addition of Highland South NO. 2 an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat thereof of record in envelope 52/B plat records of Howard County
Date: February 26, 2021

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Andrew Grosse
Grantee: Christie Wendland Larson
Property: Being Lot 4, block 29, College Park Estates No. 5 an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat record in Envelope 30/A, Plat Records in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas.
Date: February 18, 2021

Grantor: Jaz Land LLC and Mitchell Liberty Fund, LLC
Grantee: Eric Acosta Arguijo
Property: Lots 12 & 13 out of all that certain tract, parcel and piece of land, out of and part of Section 43, in block No. 33, TSTP 1-South, certificate No. 2055 T&P Ry Co Survey in Howard County, Texas and more particularly described by the plat and survey.
Date: December 16 , 2020

Grantor: Ryan Millunzi
Grantee: Colin R. Carroll and Monica S. Carroll
Property: Lot 1: Being Lot 1, block 6, Wasson Place addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in envelope 140/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas; Lot 2: Being Lots 23 and 24, block 6, Wasson Place addition an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof of record in envelope 104/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas
Date: February 19, 2021



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WHAT ARE TRUST PROPERTIES?

Trust properties are lots and
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HOW DO I BID?

You may place a bid online at www.texascg.com or at mybigspring.com to submit a bid, which is the price you would consider paying for the property you wish to buy. Should you meet the requirements listed above and your bid is sufficient and accepted by all entities, the property will be deeded to you upon receipt of the payment of your bid amount and fees to cover the cost of the deed and recording fees, which are minimal.

IS THERE VALUE IN TRUST PROPERTY?

There is a saying, that one person's trash may be another

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person's treasure! This is certainly the case with Trust Property. If you are interested in a property, there certainly is value to you. Maybe the property is next door and you can expand your yard or build a garage. Perhaps a property with a structure can be rehabbed into a profitable rent house. Never underestimate the power of an entrepreneurial mind! So, please notice the signs, look through the catalog, or go online and scroll through the properties.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM CST, Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in Old Main South Annex, Room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record.

Proposals must be sealed and marked as Howard College Window Replacement. Selection criteria used to evaluate and select each proposal is stipulated in the Instructions to Proposers.

Public Notice

A voluntary pre-proposal conference will be held at the Cactus Room in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. CST.

Questions should be directed to Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264.5019, or J. Phillip Furqueron, Architect at (432) 270.3646. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.

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All Persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to either or both of the below names individuals within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Verna Jean Jinkins
2705 N. Birdwell Lane
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DATED the 3rd day of March, 2021.

/S/ William E. Ward
William E. Ward
Attorney for Verna Jean Jinkins
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DATED the 9th day of March, 2021.

/s/Joshua Hamby
Joshua Hamby
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Annie's Mailbox

Conflicting COVID Weddings

Dear Annie: After months of careful planning, my daughter had to postpone her wedding reception last March because of the pandemic. She and her fiancé made the difficult decision to go ahead with the wedding itself -- with only four people attending -- and reschedule the reception for later this year. They set the date for 20 months after the wedding, hoping that the pandemic would be over. She notified everyone on the guest

list of the new date and has been looking forward to it ever since.

This week, one of her cousins announced that her own wedding will be just two weeks before my daughter's rescheduled reception. Because of the travel distances involved, it seems unlikely that all of our family will be able to attend both events. And because a wedding seems more important than a reception alone, it also seems likely that most relatives will choose her cousin's wedding and not attend my

daughter's reception. My daughter is devastated.

How could her cousin be so thoughtless? -- Two Weddings

Dear Two Weddings: Your daughter is right to be upset. Is there rivalry between her and her cousin? Or is it possible her cousin simply forgot about the reception when she set her own date? If they get along, tell your daughter to talk to her, explain that she is devastated and try to work something out. Perhaps the two recep-

tions could be combined. Of course, that sounds crazy, but the pandemic has created all sorts of crazy scenarios.

Dear Annie: I read your column about "Grieving Wife," the woman who was seeking advice for her grief. I had been married for 28 years when I lost my wife to lung cancer. A dear friend gave me the book "Don't Take My Grief Away: What to Do When You Lose a Loved One" by Doug Manning, and it was ever so helpful.

That dear friend eventually became my second wife, after she lost her husband, who was a good friend of mine. We were married for 26 years when she succumbed to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease -- yes, she was a smoker.

I'm now 90 years old (not a smoker), and I still miss them both terribly, but I think Doug Manning's book has continually helped me, even now. I have several copies and have loaned them countless times to friends who have lost loved ones.

All have thanked me profusely. -- Coping With Grief

Dear Coping With Grief: You are such a resilient man, and with a first marriage of 28 years and a second one of 26 years, you were obviously a wonderful husband. You may have outlived both of your spouses, but you still exude faith, love and contentment. Thank you for writing.

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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker

Return to sender

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 5
♣ K 9
EAST
♠ 3
♥ A 10 9 8 7 5 2
♦ Q J 4
♣ 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 5
♥ 4
♦ K 7 3
♣ A Q 5 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3♥	3♠
Pass	4♠		

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Certain deals present declarer with an opportunity to use his wits rather than technical prowess. However, an alert defender should almost always be able to see through any such scheme and find the necessary countermeasure.

That was the case in this deal where South wound up in four spades after a preemptive three-heart opening by East. West led the jack of hearts, and declarer took stock of the

situation.

South realized that if he covered the jack with the queen, East would win with the ace and most likely shift to a diamond. If West had the diamond ace, this would result in rapid defeat.

To defuse this threat, declarer played low from dummy at trick one! South reasoned that by allowing West to hold the lead, the king of diamonds would be protected from attack, after which making 10 tricks would pose no problem.

South's plan would have worked like a charm if East had been asleep at the switch. However, East viewed this Greek gift with grave suspicion. It was obvious that declarer had the missing four of hearts since South would certainly have covered the jack with the queen if he were void in the suit.

So East overtook the jack with the ace, even though this established dummy's K-Q as tricks, and shifted to the queen of diamonds to set the contract.

East reasoned that South had not covered the jack of hearts because it was not in his best interests to have East on lead at trick two. But if that were the case, thought East, then it must be correct to take the ace and proceed accordingly.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

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

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