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Weather

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 30. Northeast wind around 10 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest in the morning.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 35.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 72.

Source: weather.gov

COVID-19
in Howard County:
Feb, 11, 2022
Confirmed Cases: 3,640
Probable Cases: 2,907
Fatalities: 165
Source: dshs.texas.gov

Daily Quotes

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."
— ***Abraham Lincoln***

"Man tends to increase at a greater rate than his means of subsistence."
— ***Charles Darwin***

"What's more important than who's going to be the first black manager is who's going to be the first black sports editor of the *New York Times*."
— ***Bill Russell***

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Primary Early Voting starts Monday

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

Are you a staunch Democrat or Republican? Then you may be interested in voting in the primary election for this fall's General Election.

Here are a few points to remember:

• First, if you're not registered by now, you can't vote in the primary. Get registered by Oct. 11 to vote in the Nov. 7 General Election.

• If you are registered to vote, pick a party. You can vote in either party's primary, but not both.

• If you need to vote by mail, you must send a Mail Ballot Application to the Howard County Elections Office by Feb. 18. That's this Friday.

• Early in-person Primary voting will be Monday through Friday from Feb. 14 to Feb. 25. Most days, polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but on Feb. 24 and 25, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early Voting is conducted at the Elections Office at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St.

• Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 1. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Don't go to the Elections Office! On election day only, polls are located at: Ryan Hall/St. Thomas Church, 605 N. Main St.; First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700; Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane; and Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. in Coahoma. Regardless of your party affiliation, you may vote at any one of the four voting locations.

• If you have questions or need to request curbside voting, email jodiduck.ea@gmail.com, call 432-264-2273; or visit the website at www.co.howard.tx.us/page/howard.Elections.

Candidates on the Democratic Primary ballot include:

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Thomas (Tom) Land
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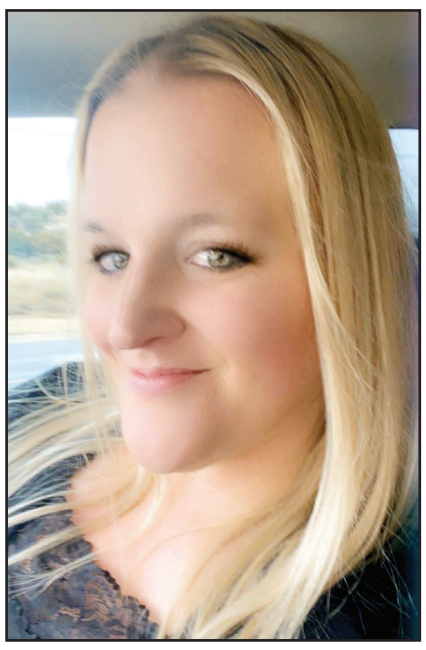
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Introducing Lachelle Cobb, new Herald *reporter!*

By LACHELLE COBB
Herald Staff Reporter

My name is Lachelle Cobb, and I'm the new reporter at the Big Spring Herald.

I was born on May 11, 1985, in Fort Worth, Texas, where I lived up until I moved to Big Spring in October 2015. I graduated top 10 percent of my class of 640 students from Brewer High School in White Settlement, Texas in 2003. I have two boys ages 14 and 16 years old, if they would just stop growing, it would be awesome.



Lachelle Cobb
New *Herald* reporter



HERALD photos/Lachelle Cobb
Lachelle's sons Jayden and Trey; and boyfriend, Joey Lloyd.

When I was younger I was the kid who was excited to go to school, everyday. Honestly I missed one full day of school from kindergarten to my senior year. They would have to send me home sick; I refused to miss school for anything. School was really important to me. My strongest subjects were math, English, and writing. Math was my most favorite, and history was my downside. In high school and middle school I played tennis. I enjoyed tennis and the days we got to miss to go to tournaments were super awesome. Throughout my school life I was always the quiet one, but that changed tremendously...now you can't get me to stop talking.

After I graduated Brewer High School in May 2003, I went to community college at Tarrant County College for a year and a half.

Then my life was about to change forever. My oldest son was born on April 10, 2006, and my youngest son was born on February 5, 2008. These boys are like night and day, my oldest is all about school and baseball and my youngest is all about girls and cars. They both enjoy playing baseball, in which they are awesome! They amaze me on a daily basis by how smart and hard-working they both are.

My oldest earned his letterman jacket his freshman year of high school, and is now a sophomore and ranks number two in his graduating class. My

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County to hear electricity rate presentation

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

At their regular meeting Monday, Howard County Commissioners will hear a presentation by David Quin regarding current contract negotiations and anticipated future electricity rates.

The commissioners will first meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the second-floor conference room of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St., for a workshop; before reconvening at 3:30 p.m. in theC third-floor courtroom for their regular session.

At the start of the meeting, County Treasurer Sharon Adams will present personnel considerations and an update to the county's direct deposit policy in the Employee Handbook. Adams will also present her monthly Payroll Report for January.

Quin's presentation is the first item listed on the agenda during County Auditor Jackie Olson's portion of the meeting. Other items Olson will present include financial reports, invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments.

Howard County Librarian Mavour Braswell will address the commissioners regarding the ongoing proposal that Big Spring High School art students be allowed to paint a mural on a small outbuilding of the Howard County Library. The item has been presented at the two previous commissioners' meetings, and has been tabled each time due to concerns over safety of the students and potential impact on parking space near the building. At the two previous meetings, librarian Sandra Verdin has presented the item in Braswell's place.

Commissioner Craig Bailey (Precinct 2) will present a contract discussion for discussion and possible action; no information is available regarding the parties of the contract.

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Forsan school board meets Monday

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

Forsan ISD school board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday evening in the board room at 411 W. Sixth Street in Forsan.

Following the opening invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the board will hear the call to order and establish a quorum.

A time for public comment will be made available, followed by recognition of visitors.

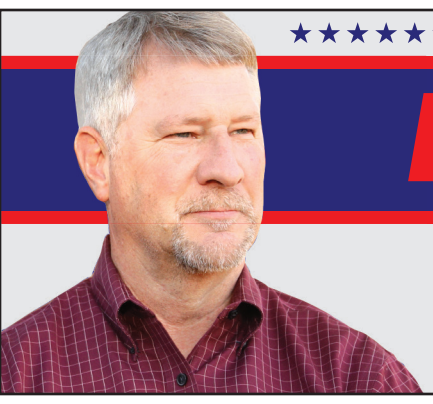
Items of business on the agenda include consideration of a travel bus, and the Administrators' Reports, including Junior High/High School Principal Hanna Carter and Elementary Principal Andrew Eudy, as well as Superintendent Randy Johnson. The Superintendent will report on enrollment, future agenda items, 2022-23 budget planning and out-of-state travel.

The meeting's Consent Agenda consists of four items – minutes of special and regular meetings of Jan. 6, Jan. 10, Jan. 13, Jan.

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Obituaries

Dickie Lee Jones



Dickie Lee Jones (74) of Big Spring, TX, passed away Tuesday February 8, 2022. Visitation will be Sunday February 13th, 2022 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Services will be held Monday February 14th, 2022 at Trinity Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. followed by burial at Colorado City Cemetery.

He left this world in true Dickie fashion in the car of his dreams. He was born in Colorado City, TX, the oldest of 2 children to the late Claude and Billie Jones. They moved to Big Spring in 1958 and he graduated from Big Spring High School in 1965. He worked for Southwestern Bell and then he served 2 years in the Navy as a firefighter. When he returned home he also returned to Southwestern Bell and he worked there until retirement. While working at Bell he decided to pursue his greatest passion and he opened his own restoration business. His love of restoring classic cars and the excellent detail work he put into them is one of the greatest legacies he leaves behind. Dickie Jones and his classic cars are known worldwide. He spent many years creating top of the line tri-fives. His license plates even told a story "57 Chevrolet Lover & Specialist". It has been said this week that "We lost the Master and the King of Classic Cars". Those titles would have embarrassed Dickie. One thing is for sure the world lost one of the greatest minds this week. His love of cars made him a man of deep conviction, passion, pride and perfection. Anyone who was blessed to have known him, even in the smallest of ways was definitely impacted by him and is better because of it. His wife is the greatest testament of that; his love for her was just as great as his love of cars. They both shared the love of cars and filled their life with car cruises, swap meets, mountain trips, family and friends. You never knew what amazingly restored car he would show up in but what you did know was he was going to have a smile on his face and his Sweetie riding shot gun.

Dickie is survived by his wife Linda Jones; three children; multiple grandchildren and great grandchildren; one sister: Toni Knox and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family would love for all who knew and loved him to join us in celebrating Dickie's life, and what better way to honor him than a parking lot full of the classic cars he loved.

If preferred, in lieu of flowers, donations could be made in Dickie's name to the Happy Day Humane Society, PO Box 2009, Big Spring, TX 79721.

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

Paid Obituary

Louis Glynn Harrell

Louis Glynn Harrell, 73, lost his battle with multiple sclerosis on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He has had many blessings throughout his life. Glynn as born to loving parents Louis and Susie Harrell on August 17, 1948 in Knott, TX. He married Sharron McCraw on December 23, 1978.

Glynn served in the US Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Italy. He spent most of his life in Howard County expect for time in Army and a few years in Odessa.

He graduated from Sands High School at Ackerly and with an associate degree from Howard College. He had worked many years at Wes-Tex Auto Parts. And he loved football and basketball.

Glynn is survived by his wife: Sharron Harrell; four wonderful children: Jason Harrell and his wife Liz Harrell, Jamie Bryant, Ambria Saverance, & Shanan Saverance; 11 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren; 1 sister: Edna Young. He also had several great caregivers throughout the years.

Glynn was preceded in death by his parents and 1 sisters: Edith Christian.

His mission is now completed and has been reunited with his Lord and Savior.

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

William Wesley Hale, Jr

William Wesley Hale, Jr., 53, of Big Spring died Wednesday February 9, 2022. Visitation will be 9 AM until 9 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel burial will be at Edens-Tatum Cemetery.

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

Kerry Mills



Kerry Mills, 44, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Kerry was born on Feb. 14, 1977 in Big Spring to Loyce & Richard Mills. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Christ Community Church.

Kerry worked at an auto body shop repair as a mechanic, but he was also a carpenter.

Kerry is survived by 2 daughters: Alexia Mills of Big Spring & Dawn Rey Mills of Big Spring; mother: Loyce Mills of Hubbard; and 3 brothers: Matt Mills of Hubbard, Nick Mills of Odessa, & Brody Mills of Big Spring.

Kerry was preceded in death by his wife: Rose Mills, his father: Richard Mills; & 1 son: Gage Mills.

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

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 117 inmates at the time of this report.

•**JATAVIEN D BREHM**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

•**LORI ANN COKER**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of vehicles.

•**CHARLES DYKES,** 25, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of cruelty non-livestock.

•**LETICIA FLORES,** 43, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2oz.

•**DEJA ALIAH FRANCO,** 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear x3, possession of controlled substance less than 1g.

•**HARVEY MARTIN GUERRERO JR**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana more than 4oz less than 5lbs, unlawful carrying weapon, theft of firearm.

•**MARK ANDREW HANSON**, 52, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation, evading arrest detention, fail to identify fugitive intent given.

•**KIMBERLY HERNANDEZ**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of blocking/parking improved curb.

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.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5500 block of Opal Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln. No transport was required.

•**MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•**TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 6800 block of Kyle Rd. No transport was required.

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• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3: Erin A. Nowell.
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• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9: Julia Maldonado.
• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5: Dana Huffman.
• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6: Robert Johnson.
• Howard County Judge: Steven Hobbs.

Candidates on the Republican Party ballot include:
• U.S. Representative District 19: Jodey C. Arrington.
• Governor: Allen B. West, Chad Prather, Don Huffines, Paul Belew, Kandy Kay Horn, Rick Perry, Greg Abbott, Danny Harrison.
• Lieutenant Governor: Daniel Miller, Zach Vance, Todd M. Bullis, Aaron Sorrells, Dan Patrick, Trayce Brandford.
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• Commissioner of Agriculture: James White, Carey A. Counsil, Sid Miller.
• Railroad Commissioner: Dawayne Tipton, Sarah Stogner, Marvin "Sarge" Summers, Wayne Christian, Tom Slocum Jr.
• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3: Debra Lehrmann.
• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5: Rebeca Huddle.
• Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9: Evan Young, David J. Schenck.
• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Mary Lou Keel.
• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5: Scott Walker, Clint Morgan.
• Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6: Jesse F. McClure III.
• Member, State Board of Education, District 15: Jay Johnson, Aaron Kinsey.
• State Senator, District 31: Stormy Bradley, Kevin Sparks, Tim Reid, Jesse Quackenbush.
• State Representative: District 72: Drew Darby.
• District Judge, 118th Judicial District: R. Shane Seaton.
• Howard County Judge: Tom Land, Randy S. Johnson, Robert "Bob" Stapp.
• District Clerk: Joanna Gonzales.
• County Clerk: Brent Zitterkopf.
• County Treasurer: Sharon Adams.
• County Commissioner, Precinct 2: Rick Morrow, Lewis Boeker, Cash Berry.
• County Commissioner, Precinct 4: Doug Wagner, John H. Cline.
• Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2: Mike Averette, Robert "Bob" Smith.
• Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2: Kandi Campbell, Patrick Gonzales.

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Trystan Hickman
Marcy Place

LACHELLE

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youngest son loves riding dirt bikes. He scares me, but I love to see how happy riding makes him They both put their all into everything they do and they make me proud to be their mom.

We moved to Big Spring in October 2015, with family to have a fresh start. Well, to say the least, we got that plus more.

January 20, 2016, the most devastating thing happened: We had a house fire. We lost everything we had except the clothes on our back. It took four minutes for the house to be a total loss. So "fresh start" is exactly what we had. I can say the city of Big Spring and the people that reside here are amazing. We would have never been helped the way we were here if we would have been in Fort Worth. The people of Big Spring all came together for my family and me. We had everything you can think of donated. It may not have been exactly what we wanted, but at that time we appreciated everything that was donated to us and people were so willing to help, it was amazing.

The fire has also taught my family a lot. Most of all, don't take things for granted, because they can get taken from you just as quick. Also, appreciate what you have, because anything can happen. We thought we wouldn't be able to bounce back from our losses in the fire, but you would never be able to tell that we lost everything. We have more stuff now then we had before the fire.

The one thing that I can say is that I have a huge heart, I love to make people happy and to see them smile. If you ask any of my past coworkers they would tell you that I was always the one who made the day positive. I don't like to see people mad or upset so I do what I can to make them look at things in a different way or simply just do what I can to cheer them up. I always put my all into everything I do. I have worked in all different areas of business, including CVS, Lowe's, Vet care, Northern Tool, Denny's, La Quinta, and now Big Spring Herald. I am super-excited to be here because it's new to me, and its a change that will be challenging. I love a challenge. I am very excited to be here and I'm ready to see what this has in store for me.

I would like to end this with a saying that really means a lot to me and explains how I am and feel: "Every person is unique in their own way."

God sends everyone into this world with some potential and some noble purpose to serve. Now, the question is, whether or not we are aware of this special potential that we possess.

I look forward to working with each of y'all and thank you for being you.

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Carolyn Harrington, 74, died Monday. Funeral service Saturday 11:30 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dolores Saucedo, 59, died Monday. Funeral Mass Saturday 9:30 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

William Hale, Jr., 53, died Wednesday. Visitation Tuesday 9 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 2 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Edens-Tatum Cemetery

Patricia Aaron, 70, died January 23, 2022. A memorial service Saturday 2 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Robert Aaron, Sr., 72, died January 29, 2022. A memorial service Saturday 2 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel

Kerry Mills, 44, died January 23, 2022. Visitation Sunday 11 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service Monday 10 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Erven L. Fisher, Jr., 95, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

COUNTY

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Commissioner John Cline (Precinct 4) will present an item for discussion over project planning in a workshop.

County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will present an item regarding campaign signs in the right-of-way of Howard County roads. Klinksiek will also present three bid items on road work on Salem Road, County Road 54, and County Road 36, and ask commissioners to accept the low bids on each project. Klinksiek will also ask commissioners to approve a change order to correct quantities on the County Road 36 project.

Klinksiek will also present his Roadway Maintenance Update.

County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf will present his monthly report for January, and the meeting will be adjourned.

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17 and Jan. 20; monthly financials including the revenue and expense reports, the investment report, the activity report and the list of bills; approval of auditors for 2021-22; and the Safe Return to School Plan.

Personnel items on the agenda include hiring and resignations; approval of the contract for new Superintendent Dane Richardson; and discussion and possible action on moving and temporary housing expenses for the incoming superintendent.

After discussion and possible action on personnel issues, the meeting will adjourn.

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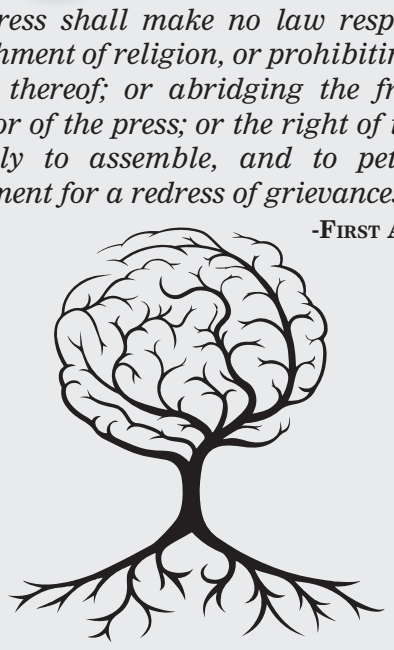
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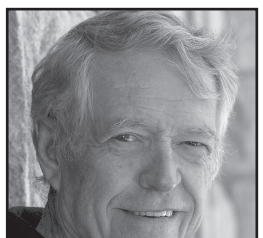
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Daily Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for Your gentle understanding of us. May we be gentle with others. Amen

A ROMANCE RE-KINDLED BY EMAIL



Tumbleweed Smith

By Tumbleweed Smith
Special to the Herald

Curt Waldrip of Liberty grew up Bellmead near Waco where he played football and ran track in high school. He has worked as a soldier, teacher (physics and chemistry), DJ and in the nuclear field. He even jousted at a renaissance festival. In 1999 he got a job with Verizon Communications. He worked in an office at night.

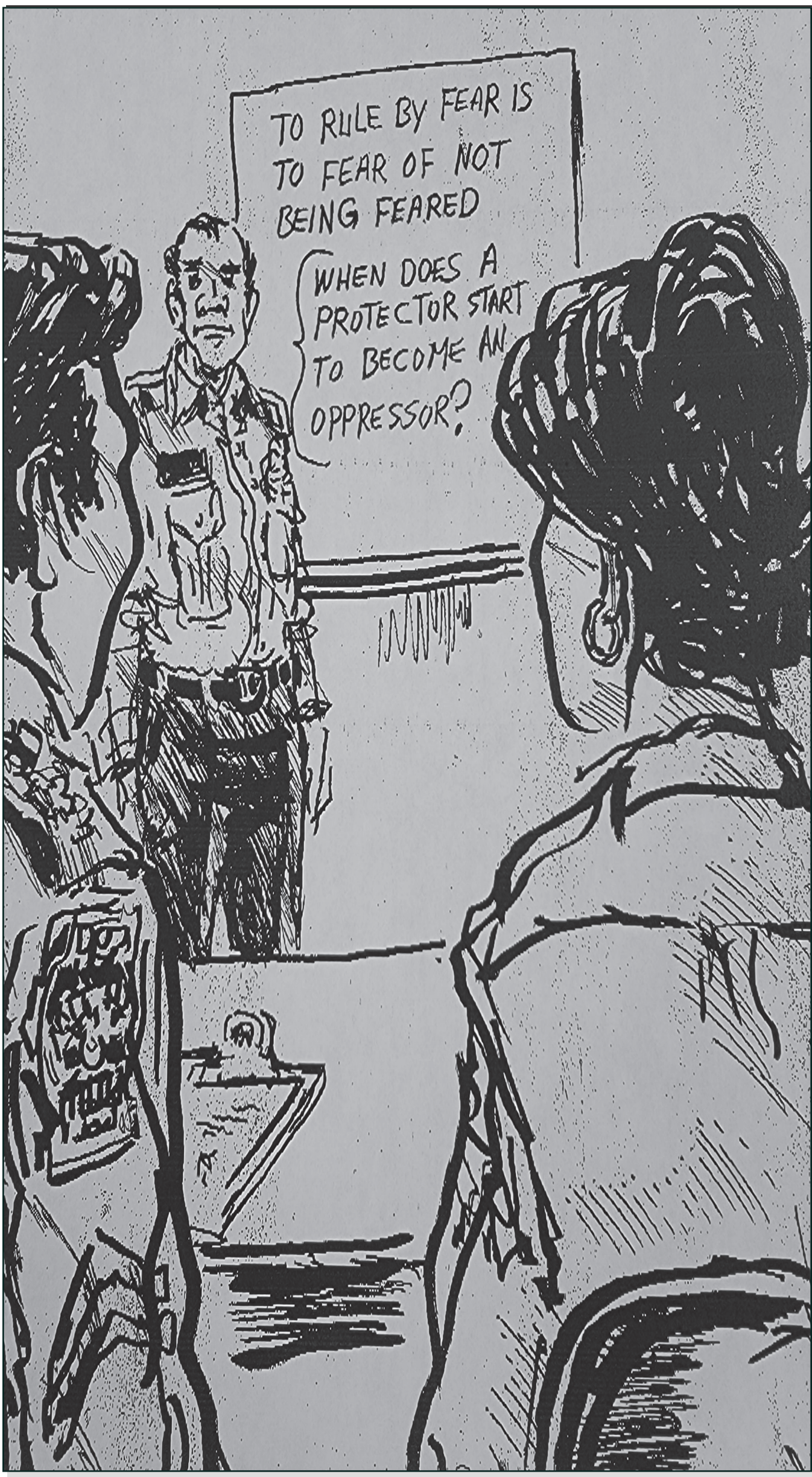
"Most of the time I had nothing to do," he says. "So I'd go online and just look around. One time I just got curious and I started wondering what happened to this girl that I was dating back in 1983. I was just crazy about her and really never got her out of my system. So I posted her last name that had an unusual spelling because it's Polish. I found three people on the Internet with the exact same name. I sent all three of them an email and said if you ever dated a guy named Curt back in Waco in 83 or 84 give me a shout. If not, sorry to bother you.

"She emailed me back the next day. She was living in Akron, Ohio working for the Goodyear Corporation. We renewed our friendship, first off. And it hit me almost like a physical blow how much I had missed her. And this is seventeen years later, roughly. She told me she would be coming down to Texas in June to go to her sister's wedding and she asked me if I would meet her there. I said absolutely. Anything to get to see her, even going to someone else's wedding, which normally I would much rather stick a fork in my leg than do that.

"So I'm sitting there and watching her sister go down the aisle and I started staring at her. She looked back and said to me, 'don't you dare. She knew exactly what I was thinking. Before we had gone our separate ways we had never formally broken up. She was planning to go college in Maryland. During the wedding reception I had a lot to drink and I looked over at her mother and told her that Nancy is the only woman that I completely and utterly loved. Her mother looked horrified and I thought she was going to scream. I didn't know exactly why at the time but maybe it was because I had the reputation of liking women just a little too much. Anyway I ended up proposing to Nancy a few days before she left. I proposed three times and she said no three times."

Curt and Nancy spent the next 2 years going over reasons why they shouldn't and couldn't get married. He would be ready but she wasn't and vice versa. When he told her he really wanted her to be his wife she said no, that she had her own world set up and was doing her own thing. But she wanted to be friends forever.

"But the way things happened we finally were both on the same page so on August 25 in 2001 we got married. We got back from our honeymoon on the 10th of September 2001. Think about that date for a moment. Our marriage started off during a world crisis, right after the attack on the twin towers. But we started our family from there and our first son was born August 26, 2004, almost three years to the date after our wedding. Our second son was born August 1, 2006. Things worked out."



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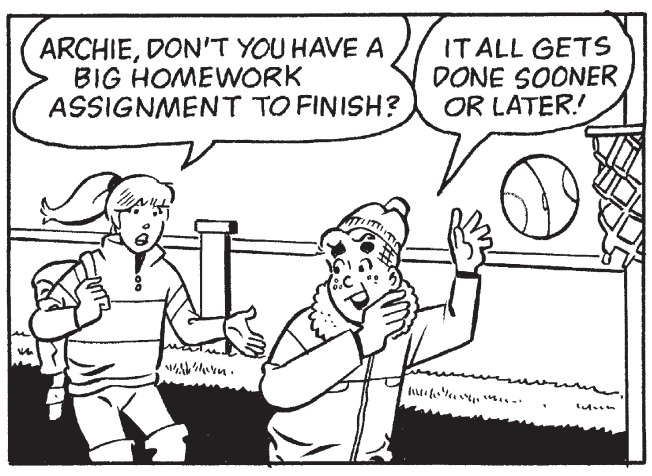
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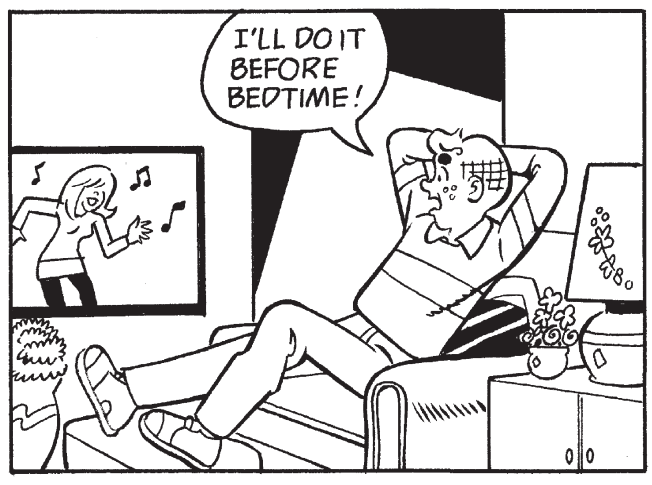
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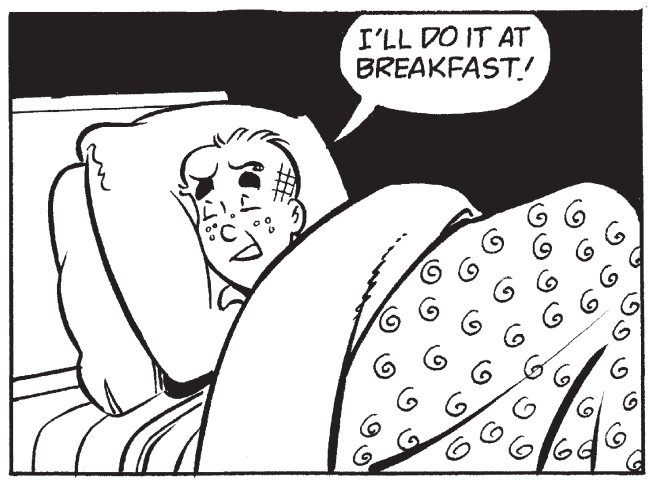
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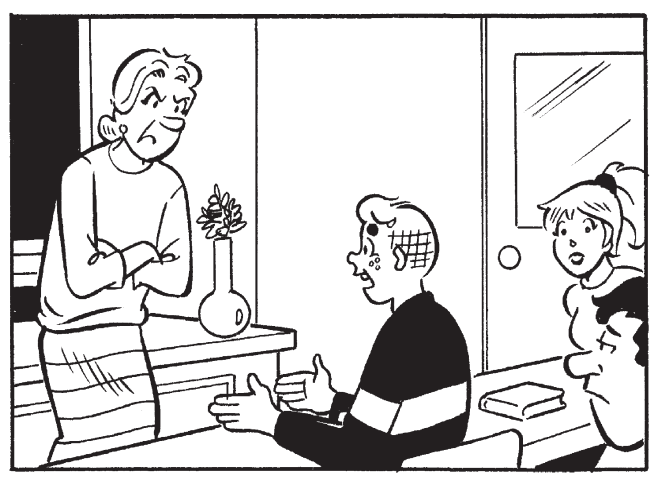


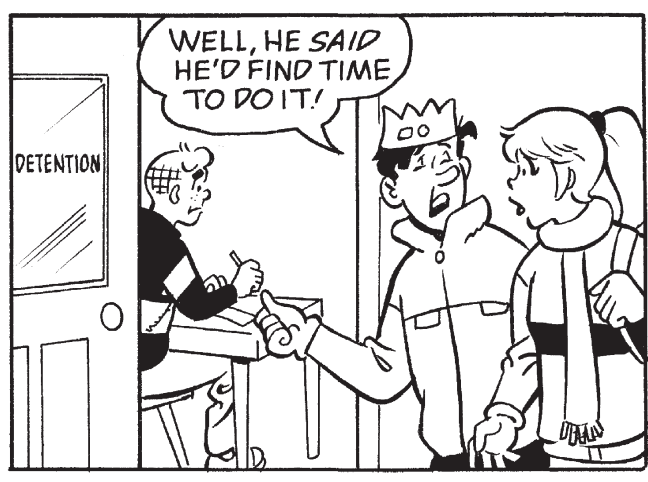






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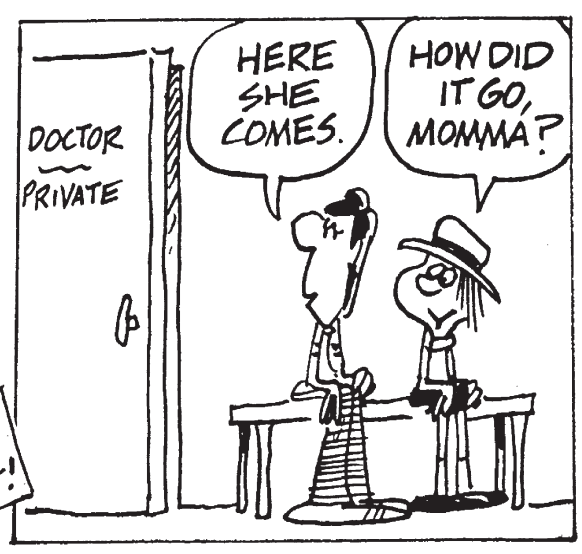


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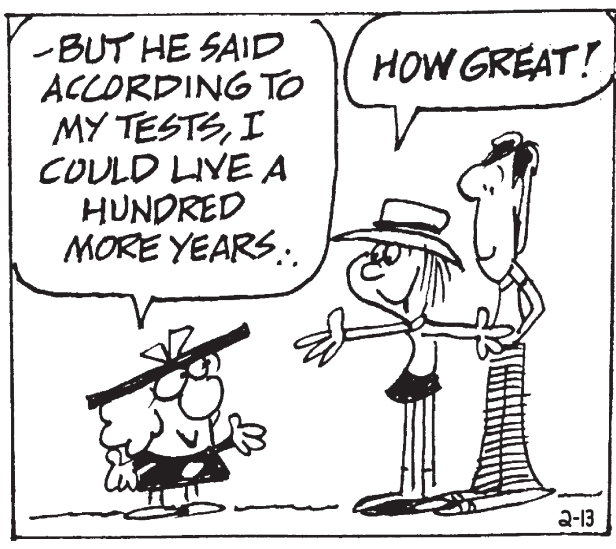
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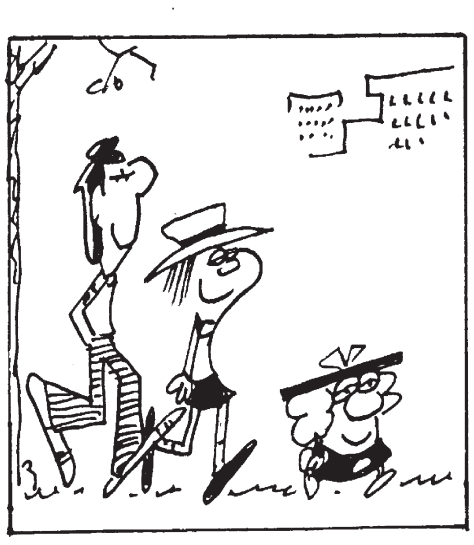








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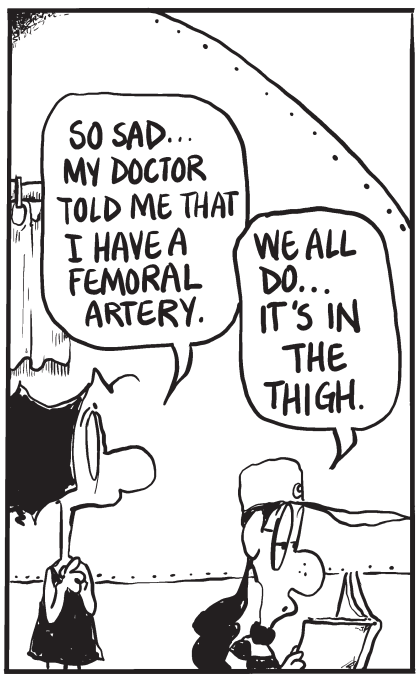






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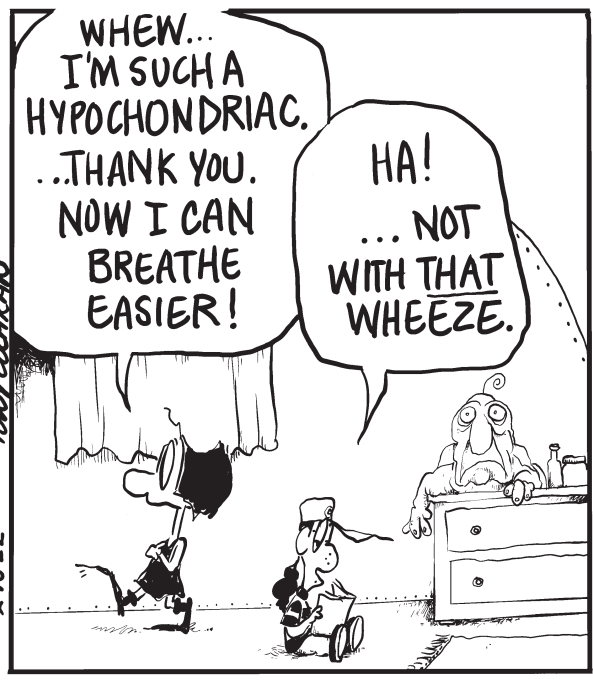
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by Ralph Hagen

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Second Time Around

By STEVE BELVIN
Contributing Writer

Glad to see Big Spring put into a football district with more than four teams. A four team district just cheapens the playoffs. Everybody gets in. Give the teams something to play for. Team reaches the playoffs and never wins a game?

Brownwood usually has a quality football program. Lots of tradition there. As I recall Big Spring was pitted with Brownwood in a district a few years ago. It was nothing nice for the Steers.

Talk about tough times. Lubbock High football hasn't had much luck. The senior school of the Lubbock school district has a hard time competing in sports, particularly in football. Lubbock High moved down to 5A-Div. I from 6A.

Thing is the district they are moving to may be tougher than the one it left. Instead of playing Amarillo High and Lubbock Monterey they'll be playing the likes of Abilene Cooper and Wichita Falls Rider. Rider went four rounds deep last year. Talk about futility .In the, last 10 football seasons Lubbock High is 13-84. The Westerners haven't had a winning season since 1965.

Their last win was Sept. 4, 2020. The Westerners defeated Big Spring 48-12 in Lubbock. The two teams play again this season.

COAHOMA DISTRICT GETS EVEN TOUGHER.

Coahoma pretty much stayed i the same football district. The only exception is Littlefield is in and Reagan County is out. The is league is super tough in football. Last year Idalou, Lubbock Roosvelt and Abernathy were ranked in the top 10.

The shift to spring sports is also tough - Ballinger, Clyde Coleman, Merkel, San Angelo Grape Creek, San Angelo Texas Leadership, Jim Ned and Wall.. Coahoma's current district of Stanton, Odessa Compass, Sonora, Reagan County and Crane is no comparison. The new district will be a beast in softball, baseball and basketball.

FORSAN WILL BE A TRAVELING

Forsan sports fans are hoping the price of gas goes down before the 2022 football season begins. Their district (3-2A) is Anthony, Reagan County, Christoval, Ozona and Sonora.. Adding Anthony puts a strain on things. Anthony is located in El Paso County. I know I used to live in El Paso. I went to many festivals in Anthony and Anthony, New Mexico, they border each other.

Mileage from Forsan to Anthony is 377 miles, five hours. It's even worse for Christoval. It travels 427 miles.

AREA GRIDDERS MAKE ALL-STATE

Several Crossroads area football players have been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State teams.

In Class 3A, Stanton placed two players on the Honorable Mention squad - defensive back Miguel Moreno and linebacker Eddie Wittenbarger, both seniors.

In Class 2A, Third Team honors went to Forsan junior offensive lineman Nolan Park. He was also named third team kicker. Also making third team for Forsan was senior defensive back Caden Morgan. Forsan senior defensive back Major Stockton was named to the Honorable Mention squad.

BS TENNIS OFF TO GOOD START

The Big Spring tennis team is off to a good outing in spring tennis individual play. That shouldn't be a surprise since Big Spring did well in the fall. "We won district championship team in the fall. We went four deep in the playoffs. Our girls have been our strong suit," said Big Spring coach Dana C. Jones.

Last Saturday Big Spring won the team championship at the Sweetwater Invitational. The girls' doubles team of Lexie Rodriguez and Grace Marquez won first place, defeating teammates Hannah Bell and Haden Bell. Natalia Lopez was second in girls singles and Anaya Limaye and Kaiden Roberts finished third in mixed doubles,

Eric Landin was third in boys singles and Mason Patterson and Matthew Salazar placed third in boys doubles.

Big Spring competed in Lubbock this weekend.

Lady Hawks win both games in Double Header





Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton

Left: Alicia Estrada throws a pitch in game one of a doubleheader this Thursday, Feb 10, as the Hawks faced off against the Western Nebraska Cougars. The game was a close-fought affair, but the Lady Hawks were triumphant, winning 8-7. Right: Ariana Soto slides into home plate in the second game of the doubleheader against the Cougars. The Lady Hawks won game two much easier by a final score of 10-1.

By STEVE BELVIN
Special to the Herald

Thursday the Western Nebraska Cougars made the Howard College Lady Hawks work harder for a win, especially in game one of a double header at Foundation Field. They Lady Hawks rallied and then held off the Cougars 8-7.

In the second game it was much like Wednesday's games. Howard pitching dominated in a 10-1 win, pushing Howard's record to 6-2.

In game one it was clutch pitching by Kylie Gaffney who helped Howard prevail. Gaffey relieved starter Cassie Elliott in the fourth with Howard trailing 4-0. Gaffney went the rest of the game and got out of trouble in the seventh inning to preserve the win.

With Howard leading 8-7 in the top of the seventh, Western Nebraska's Mackenzie Bakel reached second base on an error by the third baseman. Gaffney retired DemiRae Woolsley and then hit Chloe Conquist with a pitch. Macy Hartman popped out to the second baseman in foul territory, allowing Bakel to tag up and advance to third with two outs. Western Nebraska then went to pinch hitter Bella Mumford to try to get in the tying run. Gaffney ended the game by catching Mumford looking at a called third strike with a changeup.

The Cougars struck first in the second inning with four runs. Bakel hit a two-run double in the inning. HC got a run back in the bottom of the inning when Christabelle Aguirre singled in Samantha Cervantes.

Howard edged closer in the third inning scoring two more runs. Vargas and Cervantes had run scoring hits, cutting the lead to 4-3. Vargas and Cervantes had big games for Howard combining to drive in six runs. Vargas went 3-for-4 t the plate with four RBI.

Howard took a 6-4 lead in the fifth, scoring three runs via hits by Oliva Kuzminski, Addison Marquez and Vargas. Vargas' triple scored two runs.

Western Nebraska touched Gaffney for three runs in the sixth to regain the lead 7-6. Klien drove in two runs with a base hit.

In the bottom of the inning the Lady Hawks clawed back with two runs of their own, reclaiming the lead. Sasha Willems singled in Madison Dingman and Vargas singled in Willems for what turned out to be the winning run.

In game two Howard rode the four-hit pitching of Alicia Estrada to run rule the Cougars in six. Estrada, freshman from Oxnard, Ca., fanned six Cougars.

Howard broke the game open by scoring five runs in the sixth inning thanks to RBI hits by Briana Sibrian, Ariana Soto, Vargas and Cervantes. Vargas got the Lady Hawks started with a solo homer in the second inning.

Howard will be back in action February 15 when they host Dodge City, Ks. in a doubleheader at Foundation Field.

Game one

WN	130-003-0 - 7-9-3
Howard	012-032-x - 8-10-1

WP - Gaffney, LP - McMillian, LOB - WN 9, HC 5; 2B - WN (Bakel, Hanafin), HC (Willems, Vargas, Cervantes, Marquez, Cottell), 3B - WN (Woolsey); HC (Vargas); SB - (Cronquist 1); HC (Dingman 3).



Lady Steers softball team takes on San Angelo Lakeview in scrimmage





Courtesy Photos/ Tony Claxton

The Lady Steers softball team continues to get ready for the regular season to start as they faced off against San Angelo Lakeview in a scrimmage.

Wedding Planner Guide



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- ❑ Send Invitations
- ❑ Find Officiant
- ❑ Bridesmaids
- ❑ Plan Honeymoon
- ❑ Best man
- ❑ Wedding Dress
- ❑ Reception Dress
- ❑ Reserve Tuxedos
- ❑ Get Marriage License
- ❑ Schedule Rehearsal Dinner
- ❑ Photographer
- ❑ Choose a Ring Bearer
- ❑ Entertainment
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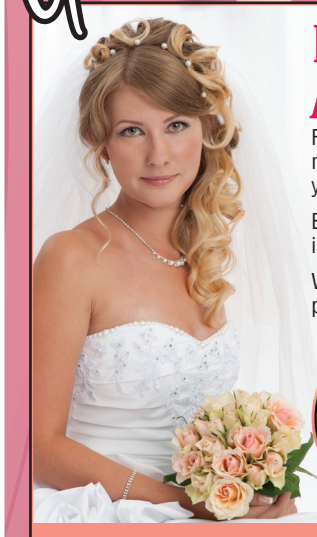
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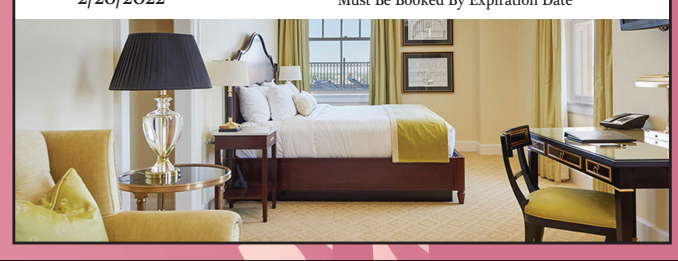
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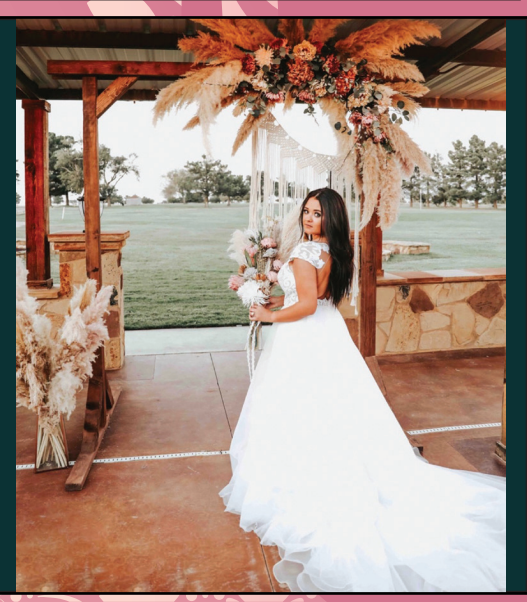
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CHS senior Kerby to sign with McPherson football program on Monday



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Coahoma Bulldog Brysen Kerby, No. 22, carries the ball during the 2021 Howard County Bowl against the Forsan Buffaloes on Aug. 27, 2021, in Big Spring.

Special to the Herald

Coahoma High School senior Brysen Kerby will sign his letter of intent to join the McPherson College football program at 1:15 p.m., Monday, Feb. 14, at the CHS auditorium.

Kerby was a four-year varsity running back for the Coahoma Bulldog football team, who had a career high of 3,628 yards rushing and 49 touchdowns. During his senior year, he had 1,158 yards rushing, eight touchdowns, and 1,400-plus all purpose yards. He was also named to the all-district first team for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 seasons.

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Big Spring Chamber Banquet was a huge success









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On Feb 10, the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce held its annual Chamber Banquet. The Banquet honored several Howard county residents that have gone above and beyond to help out the community in numbers different ways. It was also a great night to have fun and enjoy Big Spring.





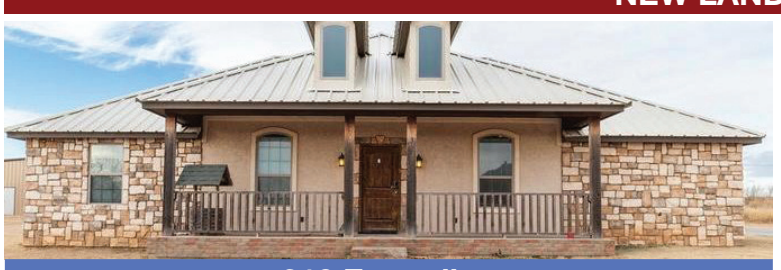


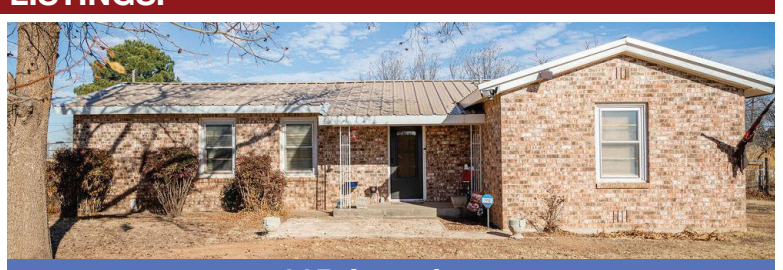




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Howard County Lunch Menus

Kentwood Pre-K Breakfast

Monday- Lucky Charms cereal bowl, peach cup, 1% white milk

Tuesday- Pancake wrap, red delicious apple, 1% milk

Wednesday: Cinnamon poptart, clementine, 1% milk

Thursday: Banana muffin, banana, 1% milk

Lunch

Monday- Pizza sticks w/sauce, grape tomato bites, mixed fruit cup, 1% milk, strawberry kiwi slushie

Tuesday-Hamburger w/tater tots, diced pear cup, 1% white milk

Wednesday: Hot dog w/chips, baked beans, diced peach cup, 1% white milk

Thursday: Chicken Sandwich, romaine salad, strawberry cup, 1% white milk

Elementary Breakfast

Monday-Banana muffin w/cheese-itz or PBJ uncrustable, red delicious apple, 100% juice box, low fat or 1% milk

Tuesday-Cinnamon roll bites or PNJ uncrustable, clementine, 100% Juice box, low fat or 1% milk

Wednesday: Fudge poptart w/cheddar goldfish or PBJ uncrustable, apple slices, 100% juice box, low fat or 1% milk

Thursday- Breakfast pizza or PBJ uncrustable, banana, 100% juice box, low fat or 1% milk

Lunch

Monday- Cheeseburger, egg chef salad w/roll, ham & cheese sandwich, grape tomato bites, mixed fruit cup, 100% juice, low fat or 1% milk, strawberry kiwi slushie

Tuesday- Chicken sandwich, chicken chef salad, PBJ uncrustable sandwich, baby carrots, warm cinnamon apples, 100% juice box, low fat or 1 % assorted milk

Wednesday- Pancakes w/sausage and syrup, taco salad, turkey & cheese sandwich, hash brown, diced peaches, 100% juice box, low fat or 1% milk

Thursday- Ham & turkey lunchable with crackers and cookie, chef salad w/roll, American sub sandwich, baked beans, pineapple tidbits, 100% juice box, low fat or 1% milk

Intermediate Breakfast

Monday- Blueberry muffin w/cheese stick, frosted flakes cereal bowl w sting cheese, PBJ uncrustable sandwich, red delicious apples, juice box, assorted milk

Tuesday- Sausage breakfast pizza, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, w string cheese, PBJ uncrustable, fresh oranges, juice box, assorted milk

Wednesday- Strawberry yogurt w/sting cheese, honey nut cheerios cereal w/string cheese, PBJ uncrustable, granny smith apple, juice box, assorted milk

Thursday- Apple cinnamon muffin, lucky charms cereal w/string cheese, PBJ uncrustable, fresh bananas, juice box, assorted milk

Lunch

Monday- Cheese quesadilla, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and cold sandwiches, spiral fries, strawberry cup, 100% juice box, assorted milk, strawberry kiwi slushie

Tuesday- Mashed potato bowl, assorted burgers and chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and sandwiches, steamed corn, diced pears, assorted milk, 100% juice

Wednesday: Bean & Cheese burrito, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and sandwiches, baked beans, diced peaches, 100% juice box, assorted milk

Thursday- Pizza sticks w/sauce, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and sandwiches, side salad, mandarin oranges, 100% juice box, assorted milk

Junior High Breakfast

Monday- Blueberry muffin w/cheese stick, frosted flakes cereal bowl w sting cheese, PBJ uncrustable sandwich, red delicious apples, juice box, assorted milk

Tuesday- Sausage breakfast pizza, cinnamon toast crunch cereal, w string cheese, PBJ uncrustable, fresh oranges, juice box, assorted milk

Wednesday- Strawberry yogurt w/sting cheese, honey nut cheerios cereal w/string cheese, PBJ uncrustable, granny smith apple, juice box, assorted milk

Thursday- Apple cinnamon muffin, lucky charms cereal w/string cheese, PBJ uncrustable, fresh bananas, juice box, assorted milk

Lunch

Monday- Cheese quesadilla, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and cold sandwiches, spiral fries, strawberry cup, 100% juice box, assorted milk, strawberry kiwi slushie

Tuesday- Mashed potato bowl, assorted burgers and chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and sandwiches, steamed corn, diced pears, assorted milk, 100% juice

Wednesday: Bean & Cheese burrito, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and sandwiches, baked beans, diced peaches, 100% juice box, assorted milk

Thursday- Pizza sticks w/sauce, assorted burgers & chicken sandwiches, assorted pizza, salads and sandwiches, side salad, mandarin oranges, 100% juice box, assorted milk

High School Breakfast

Monday- Chocolate chip muffin, French toast w/ fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, honey nut cheerios bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk

Tuesday- Breakfast pizza, pancakes w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, frosted flakes cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk

Wednesday- PBJ uncrustable sandwich, waffle bites w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk

Thursday- Banana muffin, pancake bites w/fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, cinnamon toast crunch cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk

High School Lunch

Monday: Chicken & waffles with bacon maple gravy, bacon burger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk

Tuesday: Wings-N-Things, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk

Wednesday: Soup & sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk

Anderson Accelerated Breakfast

Monday- Strawberry parfait, cereal w/string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk

Tuesday- Apple cinnamon muffin, yogurt w/ string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk

Wednesday: Sausage kolaches, cereal w/string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk

Thursday: PBJ uncrustable, yogurt w/string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk

Friday: Breakfast pizza, cereal w/string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk

Lunch

Monday: Bacon cheeseburger, spicy chicken sandwich, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk

Tuesday- Chicken-N-Waffles, cheeseburger, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk

Wednesday: Meat lovers pizza, beef & cheese burrito, Assorted Vegetables, Juice, Assorted Fruits, Assorted Milk

Thursday: Chicken fried steak sandwich, cheeseburger, Assorted Vegetables, Juice, Assorted Fruits, Assorted Milk

Friday: Pepperoni pizza, yogurt, cheese and muffin, Assorted Vegetables, Juice, Assorted Fruits, Assorted Milk.

Coahoma Breakfast

Monday-Pancakes w/bacon, yogurt or cereal w/ toast, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk

Tuesday- Breakfast burrito w/hash brown or frudel w/cheese stick, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk

Wednesday: Waffles w/sausage or muffin w/yogurt, 100% Fruit juice, fruit, milk

Thursday: Breakfast combo or strudel w/cheese stick, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk

Lunch K-8

Monday- Breaded drumsticks w/biscuit or chicken spaghetti w/breadstick, garden salad, sweet potatoes, fresh fruit, milk

Tuesday- Walking taco or Frito pie, beans, fresh veggie cup, chilled pineapple, dessert, milk

Wednesday: Lasagna w/breadstick or cheesy breadsticks, fresh broccoli, marinara sauce, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Thursday: Fiesta bowl or boneless chicken wings w/chips, celery, carrots, mixed fruit, sherbet cup, milk

9-12 Lunch

Monday- Breaded drumsticks w/biscuit or chicken spaghetti w/breadstick, garden salad, sweet potatoes, fresh fruit, milk

Tuesday- Walking taco or Frito pie, beans, fresh veggie cup, chilled pineapple, dessert, milk

Wednesday: Lasagna w/breadstick or cheesy breadsticks, fresh broccoli, marinara sauce, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Thursday: Fiesta bowl or boneless chicken wings w/chips, celery, carrots, mixed fruit, sherbet cup, milk

Sands

Monday- Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk ** Breaded drumstick, cornbread, fresh broccoli, sweet potato fries, fruit cup, milk variety

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk ** Lasagna, bread stick, garden salad, tomato cup, apple sauce, milk variety

Wednesday: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk ** Steak fingers, roll, gravy, green beans, seasoned corn, diced peaches, milk variety

Thursday: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice milk ** Frito Pie, pinto beans, fresh veggie cup, chilled pineapple, cookie, milk variety

Friday: Donut, sausage, parfait fruit, fruit juice, milk ** Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery sticks, baby carrots, mixed fruit, sherbet, milk variety

Forsan Elem Breakfast

Monday-Pancake wrap w/cheese stick or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk

Tuesday- Cheese omelet w/yogurt cup or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk

Wednesday- Pancakes w/sausage or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk

Thursday- Cinnamon roll w/cheese stick or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk

JH/HS Breakfast

Monday- French toast sticks w/sausage or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk

Tuesday- Sausage kolache w/cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk

Wednesday- Monte Crisco sandwich or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk

Thursday- Cinnamon Roll w/ cheese stick or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk

Lunch

Monday-Twisted cheese breadsticks w/marinara or chicken nuggets w/ mac & cheese (elem), taco soup (jh/hs) or PB&J sandwich, steamed broccoli w/cheese sauce, baby carrots, applesauce cups, fresh fruit and milk

Tuesday-Chicken sandwich or popcorn chicken w/roll (elem), buffalo popcorn chicken bowl w/ roll or turkey and cheese sub, fries, baby carrots, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit and milk

Wednesday- Pizza or crispy chicken salad, or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk

Thursday- Nachos w/ground beef or turkey and cheese sub(elem), chicken and cheese taquitos(jh/hs) or PB&J sandwich, corn, chili beans, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit and milk

Senior Center

Monday: Chicken pot pie w/mixed vegetables, broccoli w/cheese sauce, mixed fruit, milk

Tuesday: Patti melt w/grilled onions, potato wedges, carrot raisin salad, peaches, milk

Wednesday: Diced smoked sausage, bbq sauce, corn w/peppers, beans, diced pears, bread and milk

Thursday: Roast turkey, dressing/gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans w/potatoes, pumpkin pie, rolls, milk

Friday: Corndog, mustard/ketchup, tater tots, rice krispy treat, milk

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Pumps Plus holds ribbon cutting
By LACHELLE COBB
Herald Staff Writer

Pumps Plus is officially open. A ribbon cutting was held Wednesday morning, with the chamber representatives and ambassadors for the premier provider of solar, electric, and pneumatic pumps as well as other chemical injection pumps. Pumps plus is privately owned and has been in business since 2012. They have three other locations located in Nixon, Pecos, and Kilgore, Tx. Pumps plus offers in house or on location services and repairs, as well as parts and supplies to help keep there customers up and running. Vice President of Operations, Josh Gloor says that the company will provide exceptional products and services, going above and beyond for each customer as well as answering any questions with integrity, honesty, and transparency. Area Manager, Michael Gonzales and his team at the Big Spring location are ready to guide and assist you selecting in selecting a pump or even to answer any questions you may have for them.

Why cage-free eggs becoming norm: It's what people want

By SCOTT McFETRIDGE
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Without much fuss and even less public attention, the nation's egg producers are in the midst of a multibillion-dollar shift to cage-free eggs that is dramatically changing the lives of millions of hens in response to new laws and demands from restaurant chains.

In a decade, the percentage of hens in cage-free housing has soared from 4% in 2010 to 28% in 2020, and that figure is expected to more than double to about 70% in the next four years.

The change marks one of the animal welfare movement's biggest successes after years of battles with the food industry. The transition has cost billions of dollars for producers who initially resisted calls for more humane treatment of chickens but have since fully embraced the new reality. Pushed by voter initiatives in California and other states as well as pressure from fast food restaurant chains and major grocers, egg producers are freeing chickens from cages and letting them move throughout hen houses.

"What we producers failed to realize early on was that the people funding all the animal rights activist groups, they were our customers. And at the end of the day, we have to listen to our customers," said Marcus Rust, the CEO of Indiana-based Rose Acre Farms, the nation's second-largest egg producer.

Josh Balk, vice president for farm animal protection at the Humane Society of the United States, noted the abruptness of the about face. This is "an entire industry that at one point fought tooth and nail not to make any changes," he said.

To a great extent, the industry concluded it didn't have another choice.

Beginning in about 2015, McDonald's, Burger King and other national restaurant chains as well as dozens of grocers and food manufacturers responded to pressure from animal welfare groups by announcing their commitment to cage-free eggs. That was followed by laws requiring cage-free housing in California and similar rules in at least seven other states — Colorado, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

McDonald's, which buys about 2 billion eggs annually, said it gradually shifted to cage-free after concluding it was desired by customers. Many companies widely promoted their move to cage-free as good for their brand's image.

Earlier, animal welfare groups, especially the Humane Society, had organized shareholder campaigns, conducted undercover investigations of chicken farms and filed federal complaints. A Gallup poll from 2015 found that nearly two-thirds of Americans thought animals deserved protection from harm and exploitation.

Animal rights groups have made allowing animals room to move a priority in their campaigns but the results have been mixed. The pork industry is fighting to block the California initiative that required more space for breeding pigs and veal calves, and a state judge recently delayed implementation of new rules.

The egg industry also initially sought national standards that would allow larger cages but ultimately relented, said J. T. Dean, president of Iowa-based Versova, a leading egg producer. Egg companies house about 325 million laying hens, so shifting many out of cages where they couldn't move and into spaces where they could walk and roost was an expensive proposition, Dean said.

Besides building structures with more space, companies had to figure out how to feed birds that could move about and how to collect their eggs. More workers and more feed were also needed because hens moving around would work up more of an appetite.

The key, said Dean, was getting long-term commitments for guaranteed buyers of eggs at a higher price and then finding financing that would work for his company.

"When you start talking about needing billions of dollars, you have to try every avenue you can," Dean said.

The exact cost of the switch on egg producers is hard to estimate, in part because some updating of buildings and equipment is done periodically anyway. The cost to people at grocery stores is clearer.

Jayson Lusk, who heads the Agricultural Economics Department at Purdue University, found that after a mandatory shift on Jan. 1 to cage-free in California, the price of a dozen eggs in the state jumped by 72 cents — or 103% — over the average U.S. price, although the gap could shrink as the market adapts.

At Des Moines' Gateway Market, which specializes in organic and specialty food, shoppers said they think it's worth paying more for eggs if it improves lives for hens.

"I feel as though I want the chicken to be happy," said Mary Skinner, of Des Moines. "How would we feel if we were stuck in a cage?"

Gregg Fath, a Des Moines resident who enjoys eating three eggs for breakfast, said he thinks "people are learning to be more aware."

Looking years into the future, egg company leaders said they think the demand for cheaper eggs from caged hens will remain roughly 25% or more of the market, but Balk at the Humane Society said he expects it to become a tiny percentage of overall sales.

Balk notes that hundreds of national retailers, restaurants, grocers and food manufacturers either have implemented cage-free requirements or plan to do so within a few years.

"This is the future of every state in America," he said.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
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Marriage Licenses

Manuel Rodriguez Jr., 60, and Judith Michelle Rodriguez, 63, both of Big Spring.
Jesse Rey Nunez, 26, and Morgan Marie Rodriguez, 26, both of Big Spring.
Daniel Jimenez, 23, and Dharma Jo Campos, 23, both of Big Spring.

Howard County Judgments

Offender: Megan Treadway
Offense: Criminal trespass — habitation/shelter
Sentence: $100 fine, $270 court costs, $110 reimbursement fee, time served.
Date: Jan. 4, 2022

Deeds

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Wesley Eugene Cox, John Thomas Cox, Kathryn Marie Fullbright and Rachel Louise Burrow, heirs of Wesley N. Cox Jr., deceased
Grantee: Tammie Cheatham
Property: A 2.933-acre tract in NW/4 Sec. 44, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 24, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Marcus Porras and Eugene Alexander Porras
Grantee: Martha Munoz and Anastacio Munoz
Property: 0.20-acres consisting of North part of Lot 2 and South part of Lot 3, Blk. 2, Central Park Addition
Date: Jan. 24, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Jerry O. Barker and Annabel Barker
Grantee: West Cliff Holdings LLC
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 5, West Cliff Addition
Date: Jan. 24, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Judi Atkins
Grantee: Audra L. Kiry and Jared E. Kirby
Property: Lot 7, Blk. 2, Park Hill Addition
Date: Jan. 24, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed
Grantor: Burchell Farm Company
Grantee: Frank and Glenda Long Family LP
Property: N/2 of Sec. 2, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, except (Tract 1) a 15-acre tract; and (Tract 2) Surface estate only of a 50-foot-side strip of land beginning at the centerline of North County Road 21 and bearing east 50 feet.
Date: Jan. 24, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Jay Chadwell and Lisa Chadwell
Grantee: Khuong Hoang Chau
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 1, Coronado Gardens
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Brenda Carol Dunlap, individually and as heir of Joel Rocky Dunlap, deceased
Grantee: Brenda Carol Dunlap
Property: Lot 15, Blk. 13, Kentwood (Unit No. 2)
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Jeff Brorman and Christy Brorman
Grantee: Christie Larson
Property: A 31.67-foot by 70-foot parcel in Lot 11 and Lot 12, Blk. 20, Original Town of Big Spring.
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Christie Larson
Grantee: Jeff Brorman and Christy Brorman
Property: Lot 3, Blk. 13, Coronado Hills Addition
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Jeff Brorman and Christy Brorman
Grantee: Tara Claire and Jason Claire
Property: Tract 1: Lot 2, BLk. 1, Replat of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Blk. 1, Indian Hills Addition No. 2; Tract 2: A 1.0-acre tract in N/2 Sec. 1, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Elvira Hernandez
Grantee: Manuel Carrasco Carrasco
Property: Lot 1, and N/2 Lot 2, Blk. 48, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Adrian Garcia
Grantee: Jeffery Dale Bunch
Property: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Blk. 19, Sherrod Heights Subdivision, Sec. 27, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Michael Seal
Grantee: Ashely Bishop and Ever Martinez
Property: A 0.977-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 14, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Steven D. Green and Trissa E. Green
Grantee: Stefan Lee Gross
Property: Lot 22, BLk. 2, Kentwood (Unit No. 1) Addition
Date: Jan. 25, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed
Grantor: Weylin C. Wolf and Lacey R. Wolf
Grantee: Twisted B LLC
Property: Lot 13, Blk. 7, Washington Place Addition
Date: Jan. 26, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Diedrich Loewen and Justina Loewen
Grantee: Jerod Flohr
Property: A 0.321-acre tract comprised of the E/60.7 feet of Lots 3 through 7, Blk. 1, of Satterwhite Addition, Coahoma.
Date: Jan. 26, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Jacques Roy
Grantee: Mark Meyers
Property: Lots 6, 8, 14 and 15, Blk. 6, Monticello Addition
Date: Jan. 26, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Jeffrey Huddleston
Grantee: Daniel Lavelle Wood
Property: A tract in Lot 8, Blk. 12, Kentwood (Unit No. 1) Addition
Date: Jan. 27, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Brittany Lamb Revocable Trust
Grantee: Joseph L. Martinez
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 1, Meadowbrook Subdivision
Date: Jan. 27, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Joseph L. Martinez
Grantee: Mike Martinez
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 1, Meadowbrook Subdivision
Date: Jan. 27, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Kelltech
Grantee: Nailtech
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 34, College Heights Addition
Date: Jan. 28, 2022

Type: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Jaz Land LLC
Grantee: Tammie Sue Apland-Steely
Property: Lots 6 and 7 out of a tract in NE/4 Sec. 33, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 28, 2022

Type: Gift Deed
Grantor: Maria G. Ayala
Grantee: Odalis Edith Rodriguez
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 23, Amended Boydstun Addition
Date: Jan. 28, 2022

Type: General Warranty Deed
Grantor: Terry Whetsel
Grantee: Timothy James Craig
Property: Surface estate only of a 0.740-acre tract in NW part of Sec. 7, BLk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
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The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3370 to 4730 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Interested parties may request an information packet and questionnaire from Melissa Tarbet, Director of Business Services, at (432) 264-3620 or downloaded from the District's website at www.bsisd.esc18.net. Please enclose one (1) original and three (3) copies and a flash drive with your completed response annotated as follows:

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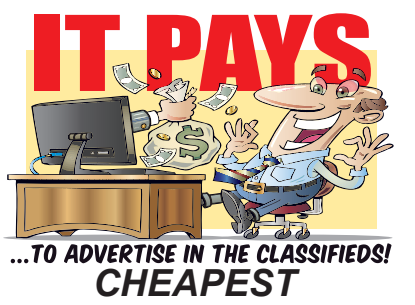
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Valentine's Day gifts couples enjoy together

Valentine's Day is a time to bring smiles to the faces of loved ones — particularly the special someone in a person's life.

Gifts that appeal directly to spouses or significant others may be the standard, but gifts couple can use together can bring them closer together. The following are some great Valentine's Day gifts couples can enjoy together.

• Quirky mugs: Mug sets come in all shapes and sizes and express various sentiments. Some even feature interlocking designs designed to symbolize that couples are two pieces of one puzzle. Kissing mugs, which look like lips touching when they are brought together, are perfect for couples who enjoy their morning coffee together. Look for them at www.uncommongoods.com.

• Matching robes: Plush terry cloth robes need not be reserved for luxurious stays at premiere hotels. Coordinating robes can be monogrammed and worn on lazy days when gathering in front of a cozy fire.

• Charcuterie set: A romantic meal is the start of any Valentine's Day celebration. Invest in a compact charcuterie board with two matching wine glasses and enjoy the set on date nights at home.

• MasterClass lesson: Purchase a MasterClass instructional (www.masterclass.com) and learn photography tricks or insider tips from established professionals together.

• Travel excursion: Jet set to an exotic locale with a planned adventure. Parents can arrange for a sitter, friend or relative to look after the children so the trip provides some one-on-one time. This trip can serve as the second honeymoon couples dream about.

• Custom cornhole set: Couples who love tailgating or opening up their homes (and yards) to guests can purchase monogrammed or custom-carved bean bag toss boards.

• Fancy coffee maker: Couples who spend more time in take-out coffee shops than they probably should can brush up on their barista skills at home. There are plenty of coffee makers on the market that can help couples whip up lattes, cappuccinos or espressos with ease.

• Wine club membership: Couples who enjoy sampling the latest vintages and flavors may enjoy a wine subscription. Winc.com is just one of the delivery services available. Or couples who prefer to be a little more hands-on can experiment with winemaking kits.

• Hot tub: What can be more relaxing than soaking in a warm bath of bubbling water? A backyard hot tub turns up the heat on relaxation and time spent together.

• Tokens of love: Matching or coordinating bracelets, necklaces or even tattoos can serve as enduring symbols of a couple's love.

Valentine's Day gifting may be even more enjoyable when gift-giving focuses on presents couples can enjoy together.

LOVE is in the Air

Recipe Corner



A Valentine's Day dessert whipped up in an unusual way

Decadent treats and Valentine's Day go hand in hand. Couples typically exchange gifts on Valentine's Day, and those gifts are often accompanied by something sweet.

A 2017 survey from Statista found that 44 percent of respondents intended to purchase candy and sweets for their significant other on Valentine's Day.

That made candy and sweets the most popular Valentine's Day gift by a considerable margin, well above the likes of other February 14th favorites like greeting cards (33 percent) and flowers (32 percent).

Romantic dinners still have a place at the Valentine's Day table, as the Statista survey found that 29 percent of respondents intended to sit down for a romantic meal as part of their celebration. Homemade desserts can be a great way to show that special someone just how much they're loved.

If cooks want to employ the element of surprise, then this recipe for "Ginger Cake" from Will Budiaman's "The Essential Kamado Grill Cookbook" (Rockridge Press) won't disappoint.

Firing up the grill is sure to pique a loved one's interest, and the slightly spicy finished product marks a departure from more traditional desserts.

Ginger Cake
Serves 8

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cubed, plus more for the pan, at room temperature

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

4 teaspoons ground ginger

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 2/3 cups packed light brown sugar

4 large eggs

1/2 cup whole milk

1. Bring the grill to 350 F with the cooking grate and heat deflector installed. Butter the bottom and sides of a 10-inch cast iron skillet.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, ginger, and salt.

3. In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar on medium speed for 3 minutes.

4. Reduce the speed to medium-low and add the eggs one at a time. Mix for 1 to 2 minutes or until light tan in color.

5. With the machine running, add the milk.

6. Add the flour mixture, scraping down the side of the bowl as needed, until fully incorporated. Transfer to the skillet.

7. Put the skillet on the grate. Close the lid and cook for 1 hour or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

8. Put on a wire rack to cool completely before serving.

Cooking tip:

Cutting butter into small cubes and arranging them in a single layer will help them soften more quickly.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

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NORTH
♠ Q 10 5 4
♥ 7 5
♦ K 7
♣ A K 9 6 2

WEST
♠ 9 8 3 2
♥ 4
♦ Q J 10 6 5 2
♣ Q 4

EAST
♠ A J 7
♥ 9 6 2
♦ A 3
♣ J 10 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ K 6
♥ A K Q J 10 8 3
♦ 9 8 4
♣ 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Declarer often finds himself faced with a choice of plays that seem to make no difference one way or the other. Nevertheless, he must examine such situations to see whether one play should be preferred over the other. Failure to follow this practice cost South his contract in today's deal.

West led the queen of diamonds, and dummy's king was taken by East's ace. East returned the diamond three to West's ten, and West continued with the jack.

Declarer ruffed with dummy's seven of hearts and was overruffed by East's nine. East then cashed the ace of spades to put the contract down one.

South would have made his game had he not covered the queen of diamonds with the king at trick one. In that case, no overruff would have taken place, and he would have lost only two diamonds and a spade.

In considering his play to the opening trick, South should assume West does not have the ace of diamonds. After placing the ace with East, declarer should then conclude that nothing can be gained by covering the queen with the king.

Conversely, ducking the queen can gain if East was dealt the singleton or doubleton ace. When East has the singleton ace, he is forced to play it on his partner's queen, establishing dummy's king. And when East has the A-x, the danger of a third-round overruff in diamonds is substantially reduced.

So, although it does not seem to matter very much whether declarer covers the opening lead or not, which would certainly be true in most deals, the right play is to duck — just in case.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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ANSWER:

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

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Holiday Mathis



Mercury Gets Out of the Capricorn Game

In the game of tug of war, those who prematurely let go of the rope lose... with the satisfaction of watching the opposition tumble backward. Some games aren't worth playing. Others are worth playing but not worth winning. On Mercury's last day in Capricorn, objectively look at the games people play and decide which ones are for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even if you have to make concessions beyond what you wanted to or apologize when you shouldn't have to, it's better to just get it over with so you can move on. Otherwise, it will be all you'll think about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Because you love someone, you watch out for the opportunity to demonstrate it in a meaningful, big-gesture kind of way. You'll now have the perfect opportunity to give from the heart and be received as such.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are actively keeping something out of your life, though you may not even realize it now because the behavior comes so automatically to you. Consider what you're blocking and decide if the boundary is still right for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It may seem easier for you to be what they want than to be what you want, but this is not a sustainable solution. Consider your needs and boundaries carefully before you agree to anything today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A goal may be glorious as it stands independently, but when you put all your goals together, you'll find some clash with others. Reorder, prioritize and make decisions to clear up conflicts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take action and you'll also be taking control. Take responsibility and you'll also be taking ownership. Take offense and you'll also be taking time and energy away from your mission.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Forget the world at large for a moment and you'll notice that your own world is running rather smoothly, as though filtered by soft light and pretty music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're working on your problem on a multitude of levels, seeing it from all sides, including from a subconscious angle. Your dreams and daydreams will give you flashes of insight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What a strange tale you'll hear. The entertainment value is high even if the amount of factual evidence is quite low. You have a story to tell, too, and you'll be inspired to get creative and make it a good one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a time and place for social risk, but many are easily offended today, making those risks barely worth taking. You're better off maintaining an inner smile and saying nothing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Distance might make the heart grow fonder, but silence has the opposite effect. Stay in communication. Even if you only connect in brief moments of text, it keeps the bond alive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be in a reflective mood and will see patterns in your life you hadn't noticed before. Fresh reserves of energy can be accessed through mediation, dance, prayer, exercise or song.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 13). You can run and hide, but felicity will always catch up and find you. Even the most practical transactions are stuffed with magic that will continue to sprinkle loose over your life and work. You'll express yourself in different mediums and genres. You'll make savvy moves to improve finances. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 1, 15 and 28.

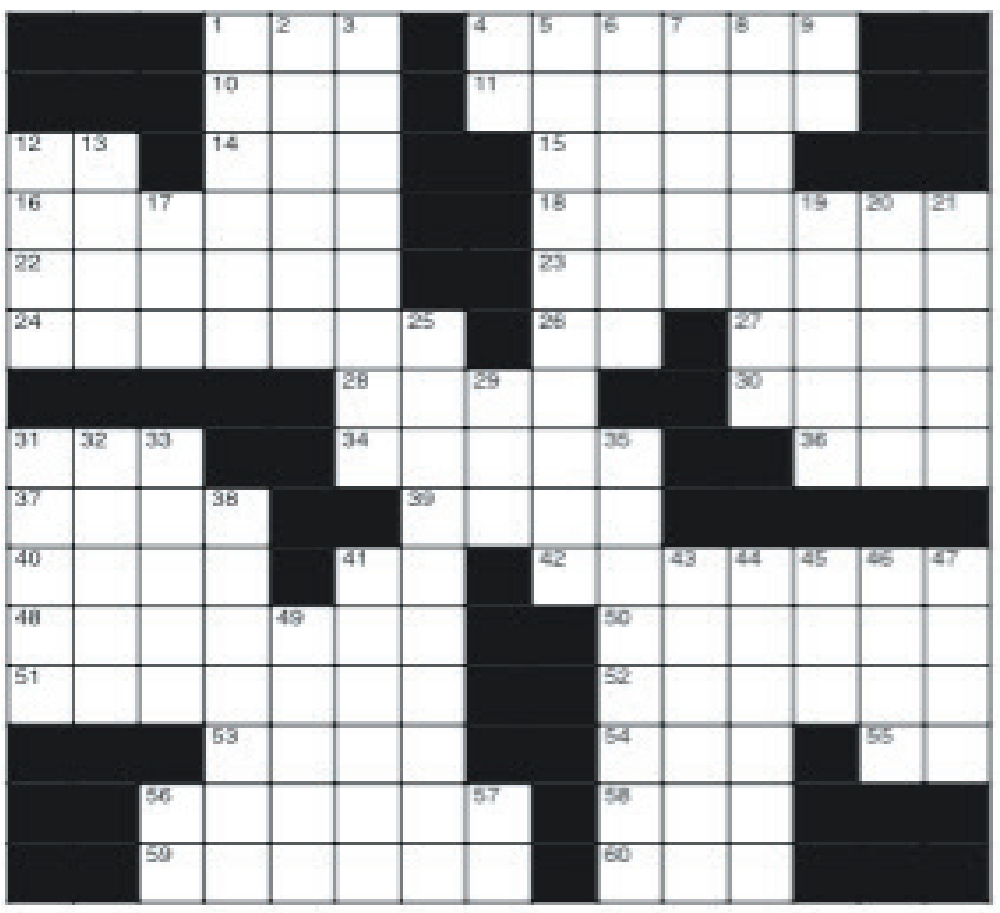
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Valentine's Day under the first moments of a Leo moon brings anticipation more delicious than chocolate-covered cherries and passion as dramatic as a velvety red rose. As the week rolls on, the romance and drama swell toward Wednesday's full moon in Leo, also known as the Snow Moon, Hunger Moon or Storm Moon.

Mercury slips into Aquarius, the sign of technology, with the following warning: The number of friends you have or how often you go out socially is up to you. A number that is comfortable for one person may seem excruciating to another. We're at our best and most brilliant when we honor what works for us. Comparisons are often unhelpful, especially if we're comparing ourselves to an illusory and fantasy-based social media version of life. Appearances lie. And even if true, who can tell if someone with a bunch of friends and a stuffed social calendar is actually happy?

CELEBRITY PROFILES: With upward of 77 million recordings sold, Robbie Williams is among the bestselling pop stars of all time, and the hits keep coming. Williams will be playing one of his biggest shows ever this summer in Munich. Displaying typical Aquarian values, the superstar has raised record amounts for charities such as Unicef, Help for Heroes and Give it Sum.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One point east of due south
4. City in Maine
10. Inquire too closely
11. Make dirty
12. Small Greek island
14. Bitterly regret
15. Millisecond
16. __ the ante
18. Without value
22. Eurasian ryegrass
23. Authentic
24. Having a mournful quality
26. Not out
27. Salvador __, Spanish artist
28. Cargo (abbr.)
30. This (Spanish)
31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
34. Slang for trucks with trailers
36. Helps you hear
37. Steer a boat
39. British School
40. Genus of olive
41. Computer term (abbr.)
42. Horse gear
48. Give off
50. A type of salt
51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
52. One who watches birds
53. Sailboat
54. A major division of geological time
55. Sodium
56. American state
58. Soak in water
59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood
60. Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

1. One of the four seasons
2. Its sultan is famous
3. A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye
4. College degree
5. Soldiers need it
6. Japanese car manufacturer
7. A way to address
8. Obstruct
9. Atomic number 45
12. Ill-mannered
13. Opaque gem
17. Indicates before
19. Remove
20. Populous Argentine city
21. More cunning
25. Rich dessert
29. Payment (abbr.)
31. Footwear
32. Famed Alabama city
33. Sheep's cry
35. Arrogance
38. Clergical vestment
41. Serving no practical purpose
43. An evening party
44. Print errors
45. Not good
46. Egyptian Sun god
47. Industrial German city
49. Scottish island
56. Early multimedia
57. Atomic number 18

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2022. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

On this date:

In 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. (Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.)

In 1933, the Warsaw Convention, governing airlines' liability for international carriage of persons, luggage and goods, went into effect.

In 1939, Justice Louis D. Brandeis retired from the U.S. Supreme Court. (He was succeeded by William O. Douglas.)

In 1965, during the Vietnam War, President Lyndon B. Johnson authorized Operation Rolling Thunder, an extended bombing campaign against the North Vietnamese.

In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, New York.

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

In 1996, the rock musical "Rent," by Jonathan Larson, opened off-Broadway less than three weeks after Larson's death.

In 2000, Charles Schulz's final "Peanuts" strip ran in Sunday newspapers, the day after the cartoonist died in his sleep at his California home at age 77.

In 2002, John Walker Lindh pleaded not guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, to conspiring to kill Americans and supporting the Taliban and terrorist organizations. (Lindh later pleaded guilty to lesser offenses and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He was released in September 2019 after serving 17 years of that sentence.)

In 2011, Egypt's military leaders dissolved parliament, suspended the constitution and promised elections in moves cautiously welcomed by protesters who'd helped topple President Hosni Mubarak.

In 2013, beginning a long farewell to his flock, a weary Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his final public Mass as pontiff, presiding over Ash Wednesday services inside St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

In 2016, Justice Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the U.S. Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama unveiled a record $3.8 trillion election-year budget plan, calling for stimulus-style spending on roads and schools and tax hikes on the wealthy to help pay the costs. Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire signed a measure making her state the seventh to legalize same-sex marriage.



Five years ago: President Donald Trump's embattled national security adviser, Michael Flynn, resigned following reports he had misled Vice President Mike Pence and other officials about his contacts with Russia. Kim Jong Nam, the estranged half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, died after two women smeared a nerve agent on his face an airport terminal in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (Murder charges against the women were eventually dropped, and they returned home to Vietnam and Indonesia; four North Koreans who fled Malaysia on the day after the killing were named as co-conspirators.)

One year ago: Former President Donald Trump was acquitted by the Senate at his second impeachment trial, the first to involve a former president, in which he was accused of inciting the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6; seven Republicans joined all 50 Democrats in voting to convict, but it was far from the two-thirds threshold required. Although he voted "not guilty," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell delivered a scalding denunciation of Trump in a speech from the Senate floor, calling the former president "morally responsible" for the attack on the Capitol.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kim Novak is 89. Actor Bo Svenson is 81. Actor Stockard Channing is 78. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 78. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., is 76. Singer Peter Gabriel is 72. Actor David Naughton is 71. Rock musician Peter Hook is 66. Actor Matt Salinger is 62. Singer Henry Rollins is 61. Actor Neal McDonough is 56. Singer Freedom Williams is 56. Actor Kelly Hu is 54. Rock singer Matt Berninger (The National) is 51. Country musician Scott Thomas (Parmalee) is 49. Singer Robbie Williams is 48. Singer-songwriter Feist is 46. R&B performer Natalie Stewart is 43. Actor Mena Suvari (MEE'-nuh soo-VAHR'-ee) is 43. Actor Katie Volding is 33. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. (also known as Prince Michael Jackson I) is 25.

Landlords finding ways to evict after getting rental aid

By MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

A day before she was due to be evicted in November from her Atlanta home, Shanelle King heard that she had been awarded about $15,000 in rental assistance. She could breathe again.

But then the 43-year-old hairdresser got a letter last month from her landlord saying the company was canceling her lease in March —- seven months early — without any explanation.

"I'm really pissed about it. I thought I would be comfortable again back in my home," said King, whose work dried up during the pandemic and who now worries about finding another apartment she can afford. "Here I am back up against the wall with no where to stay. I don't know what I am going to do."

Although the $46.5 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program has paid out tens of billions of dollars to help avert an eviction crisis, some tenants, like King, who received help are finding themselves threatened with eviction again — sometimes days after getting federal help. Many are finding it nearly impossible to find another affordable place to live.

"It is a Band-Aid. It was never envisioned as anything more than a Band-Aid," Erin Willoughby, director of the Clayton Housing Legal Resource Center Atlanta, said of the program.

"It's not solving the underlying problem, which is a lack of affordable housing. People are on the hook for rents they cannot afford to pay," she said. "Simply finding something cheaper is not an option because there is not anything cheaper. People have to be housed somewhere."

The National Housing Law Project, in a survey last fall of nearly 120 legal aid attorneys and civil rights advocates, found that 86% of respondents reported cases in which landlords either refused to take assistance or accepted the money and still moved to evict tenants. The survey also found a significant increase in cases of landlords lying in court to evict tenants and illegally locking them out.

"A number of issues could be described as issues related to landlord fraud ... and a set of problems I would describe as loopholes within the ... program that made it less effective to accomplish the goal," said Natalie N. Maxwell, a senior attorney with the group.

National Apartment Association President and CEO Bob Pinnegar said the survey was not based on facts, adding that its members are doing everything they can to keep tenants in their homes, including lobbying to get rental assistance out faster.

"Skewed surveys aren't reflective of the entire situation. By and large the rental housing industry has gone to great lengths to support residents, including when it comes to rental assistance and adherence to laws and regulations," Pinnegar said in a statement.

Legal aid attorneys interviewed across the country confirmed they are seeing a steady increase in cases where tenants were approved for rental help and still faced eviction.

These include the mother of a newborn and two other children in Florida who received rental assistance but was ordered evicted after the landlord refused to take the money. Another Florida landlord lied in court that she hadn't received the money in a bid to push through an eviction.

There have also been cases in Georgia and Texas where landlords who received assistance moved to end leases early, increased rents to unaffordable levels or found other reasons than nonpayment to evict someone, lawyers said.

"As it is right now, it doesn't seem to be working as intended," said Tori Tavormina, an eviction prevention specialist with Texas Housers. "It feels much more like it's a program that is alleviating the pressure of the eviction crisis but not solving the underlying problems."

District Court Judge Shera Grant, who handles housing cases in Birmingham, Alabama, said she and her fellow judges have seen an uptick in cases of landlords getting assistance and returning to court a few weeks later after a tenant has fallen behind on rent to seek an eviction. So far they have prevented them — though she expects a spike in these kinds of cases going forward.

"It's incumbent on the judges to make sure we are paying close attention to our eviction cases and making sure that the landlord is not having their cake and eating it too," she said. "By the same token, we are not forcing landlords to take the money. There are some unfortunate circumstances where the tenant has to be evicted."

In the case of King, she believes her landlord was retaliating for earlier complaints about mold and water leaks in her three-bedroom house. The company King was dealing with, NDI Maxim, which manages property for owners, said it "was not at liberty to share details of tenants' status nor their payment records."

Other cases are complicated by the length of the pandemic and conflicting accounts of landlord and tenant. And they often leave both parties feeling shortchanged.

Despite his landlord getting more than $20,000 in rental assistance, Prince Beatty is facing imminent eviction from his three-bedroom house in East Point, Georgia.

After the money was approved, Beatty signed an agreement in court late last year to pay several thousand dollars more that he owed as a condition to remain housed. He went back to the county for additional assistance to cover the balance but says he was denied. Unable to find warehouse work during the pandemic, the 47-year-old Navy veteran still can't pay rent and is now $12,000 behind, in part due to his rent increasing from $1,250-a-month to $2,000.

Beatty, who was told he would be evicted this month, said he wakes most mornings in a panic, wondering if this will be the day when marshals "come and disrespect my stuff and throw it in the street."

His landlord, Monique Jones, said she tried to work with Beatty. But she said he violated the lease by subletting rooms to several other people and that the amount of rental assistance has not covered losses from months of unpaid rent that started before the pandemic.

"It was helpful but it did not address the underlying issue which is his nonpayment of rent," she said of the rental assistance. "That still remains and that is rightfully why I am proceeding. If I have a tenant who will pay rent and abides by the lease, I would not attempt to evict."

Limits with rental assistance often come down to some states and localities failing to follow Treasury Department guidance calling for policies requiring landlords delay evictions after getting money. Although the program prevents landlords from evicting during the period covered by rental assistance, the Treasury Department can only encourage states to adopt policies that ban evictions up to three months afterward.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition found only 29 states and localities in 2021 had adopted policies that prohibit landlords who participate in the rental assistance program from evicting tenants for a period ranging from 30 days to 12 months. Six states — Arizona, Kentucky, Louisiana, New York, North Carolina and West Virginia — passed regulations while several cities or counties in Texas and Maryland did.

Gene Sperling, who is charged with overseeing implementation of President Joe Biden's $1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package, said there was no data to suggest landlords evicting tenants after getting assistance is a "pervasive issue" but that it was "completely unacceptable."

While it's "not against the letter of the act, it's against the spirit of it," he said.

The Coalition also said the program's issues illustrate a larger problem.

"We are in the middle of a severe affordable housing crisis with gaping holes in our social safety net," CEO Diane Yentel said. "We have a systemic power imbalance that favored landlords at the expense of low-income tenants. Emergency rental assistance and eviction moratoriums were a patch to those holes."

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EXPLAINER: Putin's Ukraine strategy mixes threats, diplomacy

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — With Russia carrying out a massive military buildup near Ukraine and the West roundly rejecting Moscow's security demands, a window for diplomacy in the crisis appears to be closing.

But even as Moscow continues to bolster its forces and holds sweeping war games, President Vladimir Putin is keeping the window open for more negotiations in a calculated game of brinkmanship intended to persuade Washington and its allies to accept Russia's demands.

The West fears that a Russian invasion of Ukraine may be imminent, while Russia maintains it has no plans to do so but wants its security concerns addressed.

Here is a look at the Kremlin's strategy in the standoff:

DEMANDS AND RESPONSES

Russia wants the U.S. and its allies to keep Ukraine and other former Soviet nations from joining NATO, refrain from putting any weapons near Russia, and roll back alliance forces from Eastern Europe.

Washington and NATO reject those demands as "nonstarters," but they also are offering to discuss possible limits on missile deployments, a greater transparency of military drills and other confidence-building measures.

Putin has yet to deliver Moscow's formal response to the Western proposals, but he has already described them as secondary and warned that he wouldn't take "no" for an answer on his main demands. He countered the Western argument about NATO having an open-door policy by arguing that it threatens Russia and violates the principle of the "indivisibility of security" enshrined in international agreements.

MILITARY MUSCLE-FLEXING

With the West rejecting its key demands, the Kremlin has raised the stakes by massing over 100,000 troops near Ukraine and carrying out a series of military maneuvers from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea.

As part of the show of force, Moscow has moved trainloads of troops, tanks and weapons from the Far East and Siberia to Belarus for joint war games, drawing Western concerns that Russia could use them as a cover for an invasion.

Washington and its allies are raising the prospect of unprecedented sanctions in the event of an invasion, including a possible ban on dollar transactions, draconian restrictions on key technology imports like microchips, and the shutdown of a newly built Russian gas pipeline to Germany.

President Joe Biden's administration also has deployed additional U.S. troops to Poland, Romania and Germany in a show of Washington's commitment to protect NATO's eastern flank. The U.S. and its allies have delivered planeloads of weapons and munitions to Ukraine.

CALCULATED ESCALATION

By concentrating troops that could attack Ukraine from many directions, Putin has demonstrated a readiness to escalate the crisis to achieve his goals.

"Putin appears overconfident and is exhibiting a high level of risk-tolerance," said Ben Hodges, who served as commanding general of the U.S. Army Europe and now works at the Center for European Policy Analysis. "He seems intent

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on applying maximum pressure on the West in this self-manufactured crisis, in hopes that Ukraine or NATO will eventually make concessions."

Some observers expect Putin to further ratchet up tensions by expanding the scope and area of the military drills.

Fyodor Lukyanov, head of the Moscow-based Council for Foreign and Defense Policies who closely follows the Kremlin's thinking, predicted a Western refusal to discuss Russia's main demands would trigger a new round of escalation.

"Logically, Russia will need to raise the level of tensions," Lukyanov said. "If the goals set are not being achieved, then you need to increase pressure -- first of all through a demonstration of force."

Lukyanov said that while invading Ukraine is not what Putin wants, he may challenge the West by other means.

"The whole idea as envisaged by Putin ... was not to solve the Ukrainian crisis by means of war, but to bring the West to the negotiations table about principles of European security arrangements," Lukyanov noted. "The moment Russia starts a war against Ukraine, the whole previous game will be over and the new game will happen at an absolutely different level of risk. And all we know about Mr. Putin is that he is not a gambler. He is a calculated player."

POTENTIAL PATHS FOR COMPROMISE

While Putin and his officials have insisted they expect the U.S. and NATO to bow to Russia's demands — a prospect that looks all but impossible — some Kremlin-watchers expect Moscow to eventually accept a compromise that would help avoid hostilities and allow all sides to save face.

Even though Western allies won't renounce NATO's open-door policy, they have no intention to embrace Ukraine or any other ex-Soviet nation anytime soon. Some analysts floated an idea of a potential moratorium on expanding the alliance.

Gwendolyn Sasse, a Carnegie Europe fellow who heads the Centre for East European and International Studies in Berlin, voiced skepticism, saying that "the worst would be to signal that there are divisions in NATO," noting that Putin might not be satisfied with it either.

Another possibility is the "Finlandization" of Ukraine, meaning that the country would acquire a neutral status, the way Finland did after World War II. The policy helped it maintain friendly ties with the Soviet Union throughout the Cold War.

Such a move would represent a sharp revision of Kyiv's course toward NATO membership and likely fuel strong domestic criticism, but the Ukrainian public could eventually welcome the policy twist as a lesser evil, compared with a Russian invasion.

Asked about the "Finlandization" idea, French President Emmanuel Macron told reporters Monday that "this is one of the models on the table," but he backtracked the next day when he visited Kyiv.

Another potential compromise would likely include steps to defuse tensions in eastern Ukraine, which has been controlled by Russia-backed separatists since a rebellion flared up there in 2014 shortly after Moscow's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula.

Russia has urged the West to press Ukraine to fulfill its obligations under a 2015 peace deal that was brokered by France and Germany and required Kyiv to offer self-rule to the rebel-held territories. The deal has been seen by Ukrainians as a betrayal of the country's national interests and its implementation has stalled.

Macron this week described the agreement as "the only path allowing to build peace ... and find a sustainable political solution."

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