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Tax discussion topping the agenda for County Commissioners

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners will consider delegating Tax Assessor-Collector Tiffany Sayles to calculate a couple of potential tax rates for their reference in setting the tax rate and budget for 2021-22.

According to the agenda for their regular Monday afternoon meeting – set for 3:30 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St. - the commissioners will assign Sayles to calculate the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter Approval Tax Rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

The No-New-Revenue Rate, formerly the "Effective" Tax Rate, is the rate that would produce the same amount of tax revenue if applied to the same properties that were taxed in 2020-21. The rate is often different as the previous year, as property values change from year to year.

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The Voter Approval Tax Rate, formerly the "Rollback" Tax Rate, is the maximum tax rate the county can levy without triggering an automatic election to allow the public to approve or disapprove the new rate.

To be clear, the commissioners are not setting the rate at Monday's meeting; they are simply ordering Sayles to calculate the rates for use in their deliberations on the tax rate for the upcoming year.

In other business, County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will ask commissioners to reduce the speed limit on Longshore Road between FM 33 and the county line to 45 miles per hour. Klinksiek will also present a road maintenance update.

County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will present a Big Spring Tax Deed – Number R000046791 – for the commissioner's approval. No other information is given about

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RODEO Excitement IS BACK!
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Routine agenda set for Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's Tuesday meeting

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors will meet at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in its board room, 215 W. Third St.

After the meeting is called to order and the invocation and pledge are recited, members of the public will have a chance to address the board. The minutes of the May 18 meeting will be approved, as will the May investment report and financials.

The directors will consider approval of an engagement letter from financial firm Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss LLP regarding the 2020-21 annual audit.

In other business, the directors will consider approval of their nomination to the Ports to Plains Board.

The board will consider approval of appraisal services, and hear a report from BSEDC Director Terry Wegman.

Following Wegman's report, the board will adjourn into executive session to discuss prospect activity. If the board decides to take action on items discussed during the closed session, they will return to open session to do so.

Before adjourning the meeting, the board members will each have an opportunity to offer comments on the meeting's record.

Big Spring Area Community Foundation distributes scholarships, grants at annual banquet

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Community Foundation held its seventh annual Awards Banquet June 2 in the Hotel Settles ballroom, and gave away more than $404,000 in scholarships and grants.

The amount was the most the Foundation has ever distributed, an increase from $339,432 last year.

"It was tremendous," said BSACF Executive Director Greg Henry following the event. "We had a full room – max capacity. I think everybody enjoyed it. I think the key is that we were able to give over $400,000 in grants, scholarships and agency funds, and that's what it's all about."

Henry said the Foundation's giving schedule is back on a more typical track this year following some differences due to COVID-19 in 2020."We've grown each year, and that's kind of what I wanted to show going back to 2016. We might not have awarded as many grants, but the amount has increased each year," he said. "The



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At its annual banquet June 2, the Big Spring Area Community Foundation awarded scholarships totaling $44,500. Scholarship recipients included Big Spring High School's Kymbree Ford, Brianna Lopez, Samuel Sotelo, Brandon Rogers and Joshua Hines; Coahoma High School's Noah Dials, Kaylee Glover, Grayson Glidewell and Brenner Gartman; Forsan High School's Clayton Tucker, Sara Tarbet, Patrick Bailey and Cameron Allen; and Sands High School's Mea Gonzalez. Those recipients who attended the banquet are shown above.

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Obituaries

Judy Ray

Judy Ray was born Jan. 23, 1947, in Big Spring, Texas, to Opal and Kelly Brown. Judy was raised and went to school in Big Spring through junior high. The summer between her freshman and sophomore school years, her mother remarried and Judy moved to Lubbock, where she graduated from Lubbock High School and attended Texas Tech University.

In 1967, Judy began her life-long dream of being a flight attendant with American Airlines. Judy was based in Chicago and later transferred back to Texas, where she lived in Dallas until her death.

Judy married Charles Ray and they had one son, Stephen Lyn. Steve was the joy of her life and unfortunately he passed away on his 38th birthday in 2007. His ashes will be buried with Judy's in Big Spring.

Judy spent her adult years after American Airlines working primarily in commercial real estate and the multifamily industry. Judy was VP of Marketing with Pace Realty Corporation for over 25 eras and then went to work with Palladium USA and Omnium Management. Judy was known for her marketing abilities and her decorating skills. She served as the on-site property manager at Verona for nine years, until she had to step down, due to medical issues in April 2017. She remained as a consultant with Palladium until her death.

Judy's passions in life were reading, music, decorating and wrapping gifts for her friends and family. She had many collections including Swarovski annual Christmas ornaments, her beloved rabbits, hearts and angels. She adored each holiday and decorated her home accordingly.

Judy is preceded in death by her son, Stephen Lyn Ray; mother, Opal French and sister Sue Carter. Survivors include her brother, Kirby Brown of Big Spring, Texas, nephew Kirby Brown II (wife Katharine) of Eugene, Oregon, niece Andrea Gee (husband Gary) of Big Spring, niece Ronda Rutledge (husband Zane) of Austin, Texas and niece Shanna Cahill (husband Leland) of Georgetown, Texas.

A celebration of life service will be held June 16 at 11 a.m. at Midway Baptist Church.

Judy will be cremated and buried, along with her son's ashes, in Big Spring, Texas, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Paid Obituary

Janet Louise Wolfe



Janet Louise Wolfe (Janet Louise Floth), 85, of Midland, died Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Monday, June 14, 2021, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Reverend Bill Billett, BCC officiating. Interment will be 2 p.m. at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene. The family will receive friends for visitation beginning 9 a.m. prior to the service.

Janet was born, May 12, 1936, in Fort Collins, Colorado. She attended school in Fort Collins, graduating from High School at age 17. She then attended college at Colorado A & M (Colorado State University) studying Finance (Business college).During her first year of college, she was introduced to Spencer Ernest Wolfe. They fell in love and later married on Aug. 8, 1954. Spencer was the love of her life. They were married for over 64 years.

Janet and Spencer are survived by their four sons, Spencer David Wolfe (Lexi and Benjamin) of Cedar Park, Texas, Steven Dean Wolfe and wife Deehona of Midland, Texas, Kevin James Wolfe and wife Kay Lynn of Colleyville, Texas and Karl John Wolfe and wife Cathy of Kingsland, Texas; Four grandchildren, Kenzie Wolfe of Dallas, Parker Wolfe of Colleyville, Texas, Chelsea Wood and husband Andrew of Spring, Texas and Brittany Hilgemeier and husband Jason of Richardson, Texas; Two great-grandchildren, Lorraine Kay Wood and Aspen Milo Hilgemeier, with another coming this summer; one niece, Lydia Anderson and husband John of Las Cruces, NM. And one nephew, Marlan and wife Carol Jean of Freeburg, Michigan.

Janet was an only child who was preceded in death by her parents, Conrad and Francis Floth of Fort Collins, Colorado as well as her husband, Spencer Wolfe of Big Spring and her great-granddaughter Rosemary Lynn Wood of Spring Texas. Janet was a beautiful woman with grace and charm, and loved people. She invested in her friends and family developing these relationships. She enjoyed playing bridge, games and reading. Janet was a wonderful house wife, loved to cook, especially desserts. She was committed to her husband and devoted to her four boys, and loved the time she spent with them. Janet moved at a fast tempo. She was a quick learner, whether it be piano, games or walking. Janet enjoyed many walks around Scenic Mountain State Park and could out pace almost everyone. Janet was also very active with Spencer in local politics, Howard County Republican Party and in her early years elected to the school board in La Porte, Texas. She was also engaged in her community as Area Prayer Coordinator for Concerned Women for America, was a volunteer with the Red Cross, taught a women Bible study and help immensely with children's church. She was instrumental in helping to develop reading curriculum.

Janet learned to play the piano at an early age, and was able to use this skill in her church life. Christ was a central part of her life setting a faithful example for all to follow. The most important quality to Janet was her faith. As years went by, Janet's walk influenced many people. She was always willing to pray for others, offering the Godly wisdom she had learned in her life. She understood the key to life, faith in God and his son Jesus Christ and she lived it daily.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Dr. James Dobson Family Institute or to the Red Cross.

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

Paid Obituary

James "PaPa" Cypert



James "PaPa" Cypert, 88, of Garden City, passed away Thursday, June 10, 2021. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at the Garden City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born March 18, 1933, in San Angelo and married Nita Graves Aug. 30, 1952.

James attended school in San Angelo and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He moved to Garden City in 1955 and opened Cypert's Garage, operating it for 65 years. He was a life member of the Glasscock County Volunteer Fire Department and was a member of the Church of Christ in Garden City.

Survivors include two sons, Darrell Cypert and wife, Patricia, and Donald Cypert all of Garden City; four grandchildren, Bryan Cypert of Garden City, Randy Cypert of Buffalo, Missouri, Brandi Jones of Big Spring and Melissa Wiehl and husband, Ross of Coalville, England; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Denny Cypert and wife, Dawn, of Burnet, and Wayne Cypert and wife, Linda, of Garden City; four sisters, Delia Authur and husband Granvil of Gardendale, Sandi Snegireff of Scottsdale, Arizona, Sharon Ifera and husband, Ray, of Crane, and Frances Grisham and husband, Charlie, of Odessa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nita Cypert; his parents, J. T. Cypert and Jonnie Cypert; one brother, Calvin Cypert; and a granddaughter, Jenifer Darlene Cypert.

The family would like to thank the staff at Home Hospice for the wonderful care they gave James.

The family suggests memorials to Medina Children's Home, 21300 Texas 16, Medina, Texas 78055.

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

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Cathryn Parton

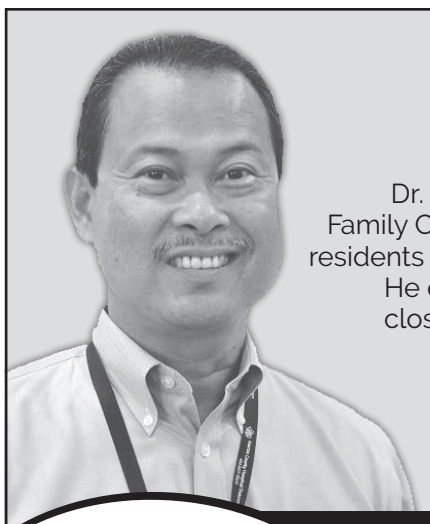
Cathryn Parton, 69, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ann Castillo

Ann Castillo, 39, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 11, 2021.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Darlene Stroud Collins



Darlene Stroud Collins, 74, of Milano, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 15 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caldwell.

Darlene was born July 12, 1946. to Rufus Stroud and Mae Lona Taunton Johnson in Alexander City, Alabama. She was raised in Opelika, AL. At a young age she worked as a Candy Striper in a local hospital which is probably how she became interested in nursing. Darlene's husband at the time was in the Air Force and she was a homemaker raising two beautiful children. She attended a community college and received an associate's degree in nursing. As her marriage was coming to an end in 1980, Darlene joined the US Army Reserve in San Antonio, Texas where she worked as a cardiology nurse and she became a research RN at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital. She continued her studies and received her BSN from Incarnate Word in 1984.

While on a plane in the reserves, Murl first took notice of Darlene's beautiful brown eyes. They were formally introduced in December 1990 in Honduras. This was the beginning of a wonderful adventure that led them to marry on Dec. 23, 1995.

Darlene retired from the US Army Reserve as a Colonel in 2006 and from her job at Burleson-St. Joseph Hospital in Caldwell in 2011. After retiring Darlene and Murl enjoyed many cruises and road trips together. Because of her declining health, they stopped traveling in 2019 and Murl settled in to care for his beloved wife.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents; her brother John Stroud and her son James Collins III.

She is survived by her husband, COL(Dr.) Murl Bailey; sons, Creighton Bailey and his friend Santiago Adalco and Mitchell Collins-Bailey and his wife Lauren; daughters, Wanda Tallant and her husband Shane and Shannon Payne and her husband Dennis; grandchildren Jacob La Grave and wife Courtney, Joshua La Grave and wife Taryn, Mairin La Grave, Vivian La Grave, Caitlyn Tallant, Conner Tallant, Carlton Jeffcoat and wife Robin, Benjamin Jeffcoat and Alexander Jeffcoat and five great-grandchildren.

Darlene will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grand-mother, for her compassionate care, and her sweet spirit. She now rests in the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of the following charities: St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund – 500 W OSR, Caldwell, Texas.

KC Council - 6366 Memorial Fund, PO Box 418 Caldwell, Texas.

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Take Note

• First Annual Hospital Corps Birthday Party will be held in Big Spring at Moss Creek Ranch, 1601 S. Moss Lake Road on June 17, 2021. The evening will include smoked brisket, ribs, cole slaw, green salad, beans, potato salad, iced tea and water. All spouses and Marine Corps personnel are invited. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Jerry Groves at 432-816-9682 or Doc Roger Rodman at 325-232-0665. Reservations must be made by June 10, 2021.

• Coahoma Freedom Parade will be Saturday, July 3 at 10 a.m. The parade line up will be at 9 a.m. at the Coahoma Footbal Stadium parking lot. For more information call Connie Shaw at 432-271-2041 or Lisa Duggan at 432-394-4287.

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'21-'22 salaries, Safe Return Plan on FISD agenda

By ROGER CLINE
Herald Staff Writer

Salaries and a Safe Return-To-School plan for 2021-22 are on the agenda for the Forsan ISD Board of Trustees when it meets at 6 p.m. Monday in the Superintendent's Office, 411 W. Sixth Street in Forsan.

According to the meeting's agenda, the trustees will consider salaries for 2021-2022, including all staff, administration and the superintendent. The board will also consider a Staff Early Resignation Notification Incentive Policy, according to the agenda.

Earlier in the meeting, the board will consider it's regular Consent Agenda, which includes the 2021-2022 Safe Return-To-School plan. No further details of the plan are included on the agenda.

Other items to be considered during the meeting include reports from the district's Junior/Senior High School principal, the Elementary School principal, the Athletic Director, and the Superintendent.

The agenda notes that the Superintendent's report will include reports on enrollment, a preview of future agenda items, the second and third installments of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II and ESSER III) grants including survey data and input, and data from the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test including board goals for test improvement.

Other items on the Consent Agenda include approval of the minutes of the May 10 and May 14 regular meetings; monthly financials including revenue and expense report, investment report, activity report and list of bills; board policy updates; and the annual reaffirmation of the district's investment policy.

Other items on the meeting's agenda include a change of date or cancellation of the July board meeting, and personnel issues including hiring and resignations.

A time for public comment is provided at the start of the meeting.

BANQUET

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COVID – that was very unique, you know. Because of IRS regulations, we were able to give to small businesses, and the board just felt like that's what we needed to do."

This year the Foundation's disbursements totaled $404,526, including grants totaling $360,026 and scholarships totaling $44,500.

By comparison, 2020's awards totaled $339,432, including 66 small business COVID relief grants totaling $264,000, a grant to the City of Big Spring for $49,932 to pay all delinquent residential water bills for March and April 2020, and scholarships totaling $25,500. The 2020 total edged out the 2019 disbursement of $339,215.

Scholarship recipients for 2021 included, from Big Spring High School: Kymbree Ford, Brianna Lopez, Samuel Sotelo, Brandon Rogers and Joshua Hines; from Coahoma High School: Noah Dials, Kaylee Glover, Grayson Glidewell and Brenner Gartman; from Forsan High School: Clayton Tucker, Sara Tarbet, Patrick Bailey and Cameron Allen; and from Sands High School: Mea Gonzalez.

Agency funding disbursements included Big Spring Symphony, $2,096.34; Hangar 25, $5,147.96; Heritage Museum of Big Spring, $4,321.69; and the YMCA, $84,459.90.

Permanent restricted funding included disbursements to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, $20,813.43; and Canterbury Retirement Home, $4,000.86.

Grant recipients included the Amphitheater Improvement Board, $50,000; Big Spring Main Street, $7,586; Big Spring Symphony Association, $15,000; Crossroads Housing Development, $25,000; Cross Roads Young Marines, $4,000; Food to Kids, $5,000; Heritage Museum of Big Spring, $10,000; Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, $30,000; Howard College, $20,000; North Side Movement, $22,500; and South West College for the Deaf, $10,000.

In addition, Henry announced that the Foundation will begin a matching program to benefit the United Way. The Foundation will match new donations and increases in donations over last year, up to a total of $33,000.

"We just want to grow and do more each year," Henry said. "The more we grow, the more funds we have, the more we're able to benefit the community."

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Obituaries

Greg Bird

Greg Bird, 58, died Friday, June 4, 2021. Funeral services will be Saturday, June 19, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Brian Michaelz of First Christian Church officiating.



Greg was born Sept. 21, 1962, in Lamesa. He married Tracey Waller on Sept. 21, 2019, in Midland. He had lived in the community two and a half years and was from Brownwood. He was affiliated with the Circuit Rider Cowboy Church in Stanton. He worked at Wyndom Apartments in Midland over 25 years.

He liked to fish. He also enjoyed garage sales and estate sales.

He is survived by his wife: Tracey of Big Spring; two stepdaughters: Stacey O'Daniel of Coahoma and Brandi Lamb of Big Spring; two stepsons: Tanner Keune of Alamogordo, NM and Garrett Keune of Big Spring; one brother: Richard Bird of Midland; four step grandchildren: Shaylee O'Daniel, Ryann O'Daniel, Payton Keune and Brayleigh Lamb.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Richard and Sharon Bird.

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

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Take Note cont.

• Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service annual Sandhills Beef Cattle Conference will be in Monahans on July 7. Additional information is available at the Sandhills Beef Cattle Conference facebook page. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the event; contact Floyd at Dena.Floyd@ag.tamu.edu for more information.

• The Young and the Married meets every Thursday, for an eight-week study on Familylife art of parenting – with a meal at 5:30 and a small group at 6 p.m. The group will meet in NazFamily Fellowship Hall.

• Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center will be celebrating 60 years on Wednesday June 2 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Big Spring ISD summer lunch services will begin June 1 and run through July 30. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. - 8: 30 am. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Serving will take place at Goliad from June 7 through July 1; High School from June 1 through June 24; Junior High from June 7 – June 24.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday at Noon. The lectures will take place in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• College Baptist Church Vacation Bible School 2021 will take place June 6-10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Margaret Sumner, 71, died Sunday. Funeral services will be Saturday, 2:30 PM, at Life Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Rogelio (Roy) Perez, 68, died Sunday. Virtual services will be held at a later date.

Larry Simmons, 71, died Sunday. Funeral service will be Saturday, 2:30 PM, at Cornerstone Church in Monahans.

Cathryn Parton, 69, died Wednesday. Private family services will be at a later date.

Greg Bird, 58, died Friday. Services will be Saturday, June 19, 2021, at 2:00 PM in the Myers & Smith Chapel.

Ann Castillo, 39, of Big Spring, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

President Susan McLellan called the meeting to order. Tammy DePauw gave the invocation. Jim DePauw let the group in the pledges.

Ruby Bruns made a motion to accept the May 2021 minutes. It was seconded by Londa Henry and all approved.

Jim DePauw gave the financials. Our balance is the same as the May meeting.

Tammy DePauw discussed the Delek photo ops at the city golf course as well as the Boys and Girls Club. A special thanks to Delek for donating trees to Big Spring.

We will be doing a summer reading program at the library. The program will be June 30 at 10:30. The major theme will be trash and recycling.

Pops in the Park will be July 3, 2021. As usual, we will stay and clean up afterwards. We will have Toasty Tuesday Twilight Trash Off the following Tuesday, July 6, to clean up the park.

Funtastic 4th will be on July 16-17, 2021. It will be in the park. Toasty Tuesday Twilight Trash Off will be at the park July 20 to clean up.

Love Our Lake is scheduled for August 7, 2021. More details will be oncoming.

Liz Hafley will be representing our club at the KTB Conference.

Because our next meeting falls on a holiday, we will meet July 12, 2021. We will meet in the Fireplace Room at Howard College. Visitors are always welcome.

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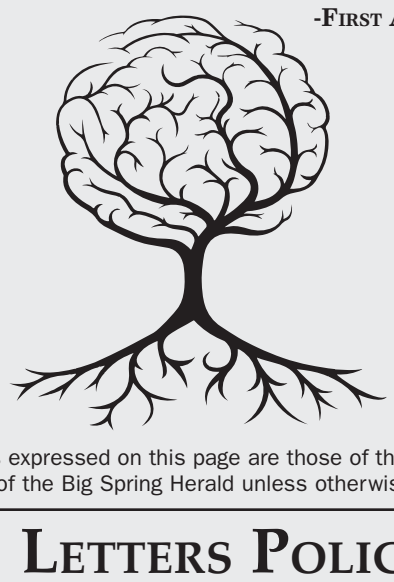
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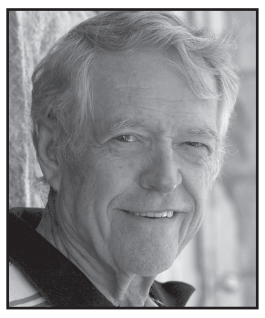
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The symbol of a new beginning



Tumbleweed Smith

When she was 9 years old Tina Siemens of Seminole considered apricots as candy.

"We were so poor we couldn't afford candy," says Tina, who loved canned green beans. "That was my favorite thing to eat, just straight out of the can. I had an apricot for dessert. Once after eating an apricot I wondered what would happen if I planted the apricot pit. So I dug a little hole about three inches deep and planted the pit in it. I cut the top and bottom of the can the green beans were in so it was open at both ends and put it over the pit to mark the spot. Every day I'd go and pour some water on it. In less than a year it sprouted. So it was about 4 or 5 inches tall when we moved from that location to another place nearby. I couldn't leave my little apricot seedling behind so I went and dug it up and replanted it in the new place. It grew to be a tall tree and for years and years we got apricots off of that tree. In winter we would cover it with plastic and do other things to make it survive the cold."

The tree produced five gallons of apricots a year for 16 years. When Tina married at age 19, she and her husband moved to Canada for a year.

"When we came back I just picked up making apricot jams from either that tree or other trees that were in town. People started bringing me apricots because they knew I loved them. Sometimes they would call me and say the apricots were ready to be picked."

Tina's enjoyment of apricots began in 1977 when her family and other Mennonites moved to Seminole from Mexico.

A neighbor gave the family some apricots. The planting of that seed in their new home in Seminole represented a new beginning for her and the other Mennonite families.

"It was so similar to us having been uprooted in Mexico and transplanted here in Gaines County. It was just like when I dug up that little seedling and transplanted it in the new place when we moved. It grew and produced a hundredfold, symbolizing a new beginning."

Tina hired artist Jammey Huggins to create a sculpture of her planting that seedling when she was 9. Jammey took a year to complete it.

"I had her come over a couple of times and check it, you know, see if that was what she wanted," says Jammey. "I just love the story behind it."

Tina says Jammey got it just right.

"I couldn't be more pleased." The sculpture is titled New Beginning.

Setting up the scene and models for the sculpture is a story in itself. The sculpture shows a little girl planting the 4-inch seedling while her parents look on. The girls' father is standing nearby holding a shovel while his wife looks on as the little girl puts the seedling into the ground. Tina's 9-year-old granddaughter posed as Tina planting the little tree. Tina's brother posed as the father. Tine posed as her mom. Jammey took several photos of the planting scene from different angles. Every detail was covered, including the ribbons on the little girl's hat and the name of the used implement dealer on the man's cap. Jammey says she loved doing it. Tina says she will always have an apricot tree no matter where she lives.



Plucky Grandview kids wow Branson

Don Newbury

Fifth-grade violinists from Grandview, TX, Elementary School are accustomed to taking Branson, MO, by storm, but this year they wowed audiences despite the "double whammy" of rainstorms and a pandemic.

Founder-director Vicki Nichols, who has taken the Zebra Strings to Branson for 15 consecutive years on a chartered bus, opted out last spring when COVID-19 dangers overruled.

Contagion fears nixed bus travel this year for the 500-mile trip, so the 33 youngsters set out with parents in personal vehicles, arriving in the Ozark entertainment mecca a few hours before their first of three "pre-show" programs. Their 30-minute sets preceded two-hour "regular shows" at the Presleys, Clay Cooper and Haygood Theatres on Thursday through Saturday nights. (The Haygoods' emcee said they have a hundred student performances throughout the year, but that the Zebra Strings are "the best.")

In jeans and colorful shirts, they were living proof of what a dedicated musical professional like Vicki can do, working magic year after year in a program where youngsters practice only at school. (If they do practice at home, it's with their own fiddles and bows.)

Each year when the youngsters roll into Branson, several "firsts" are recorded for many of them. For some, it's their first trip out of state, and for most, it's the first time they've laid eyes on a small town in the Ozarks that now has more than 100 entertainment venues and is viewed as one of the premiere family entertainment destinations in the United States.

At the opening show, one of the students questioned why they were seated in the auditorium for the main attraction. "I thought we were the show," he said. (Little wonder that Grandview fifth-graders later reminisce at graduation that their trip to Branson was the highlight of their public school years.)

They close each show with a grand rendition of Amazing Grace, which is almost always followed by a rousing standing ovation.

The Strings have performed at numerous other well-known venues, including the Grand Old Opry in Nashville and at Bass Hall in Fort Worth.

At Bass Hall, Vicki forgot to bring her Sunday-go-to-meeting shoes, so she directed the group wearing her colorful tennis shoes. Oh, well, that's what storyteller Garrison Keillor wears on stage, so she was in good company.

There were good-humored conversations about the difference in violins and fiddles. One of the youngsters claimed that violins have strings and fiddles have "strangs."

Hard to argue that!

Though automobile windshield wipers ran during most of their three-day trip, the Strings found some indoor attractions to their liking. They enjoyed a luncheon buffet together, and "wowed" there, too, impressing staff and patrons with their "Yes ma'ams and yes sirs."

Vicki and her colleagues seem committed to "old school" values that are heavy on courtesy and patriotism.

They make sure that they extend sincere "thank you's" to responses of appreciative audiences. (It's fun to listen to audience "chatter" after the Strings finish. How the youngsters manage to develop such talent in a single year mystifies them, just as it does us.

The children, of course, were eager to seek professionals' autographs in Branson. During a "main" show intermission, one of the violinists asked an adult vocalist for an autograph. "What shall I write it on?" the professional asked. "Just sign your name right there," the boy said, pointing to a cowboy boot he'd hoisted on a stage stool. (He may never shine that boot again!)

It's a great blessing that the some two-dozen automobiles made it to and from Branson without incident.

Brenda and I should have been so lucky. We had two flat tires in the driving rain. In both cases, however, there was enough air left in the tires to pull into tire shops within 15 miles of picking up a nail and a screw.

So, we were blessed, too, and always are when we hear the Zebra Strings.

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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled $3.4 Billion in May

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled $3.4 billion in May, the highest-ever monthly total and 30.1 percent more than in May 2020.

As with April's results, year-over-year increases for most tax revenues this month and in the coming months will be among the highest in the history of the data series. This is due to base effects: year-ago revenue collections to which this year's collections are compared were severely suppressed by the pandemic. Compared to May 2019, sales tax collections were up 12.9 percent.

The majority of May sales tax revenue is based on sales made in April and remitted to the agency in May.

"Resurgent consumer spending drove monthly state sales tax collections to a new high," Hegar said. "Supported by the end of pandemic restrictions, further vaccination progress and declines in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, continued recovery in employment, and federal stimulus checks and enhanced unemployment benefits, receipts from all retail sectors other than grocery stores surpassed pre-pandemic levels.

Sales at retailers that had benefited from pandemic spending – online and big box general merchandisers, building materials and home furnishings stores, sporting goods and hobby stores – continued at elevated levels, while sales at retailers severely depressed last year, such as clothing stores and electronics and appliance stores, rebounded sharply from last spring.

Spending at restaurants also surpassed pre-pandemic levels, with increased dine-in patronage adding to still elevated take-out and delivery business. While total spending in the sector increased sharply from a year ago, the recovery was uneven, with business at large popular restaurant chains up sharply while many smaller venues continued to languish.

Spending at theme parks and live entertainment venues, though remaining below pre-pandemic levels, also was up significantly from a year ago, while business at fitness centers showed little evidence of recovery.

"Receipts from oil- and gas-related sectors fell below year-ago levels, as drilling and well development activity remained substantially below pre-pandemic levels despite the rise in crude oil prices in recent months."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2021 was up 19.4 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, all of which were up sharply from a year ago due to base effects:

• motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — $554 million, a record monthly amount; up 109 percent from May 2020, and up 29 percent from May 2019;

• motor fuel taxes — $315 million, up 42 percent from May 2020, and down 0.4 percent from May 2019;

• oil production tax — $364 million, up 303 percent from May 2020, and down 1 percent from May 2019;

• natural gas production tax — $131 million, up 323 percent from May 2020, and up 1 percent from May 2019;

• hotel occupancy tax — $48 million, up 509 percent from May 2020, and down 18 percent from May 2019; and

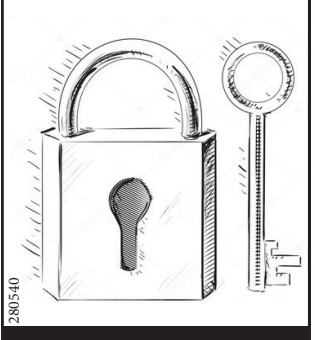
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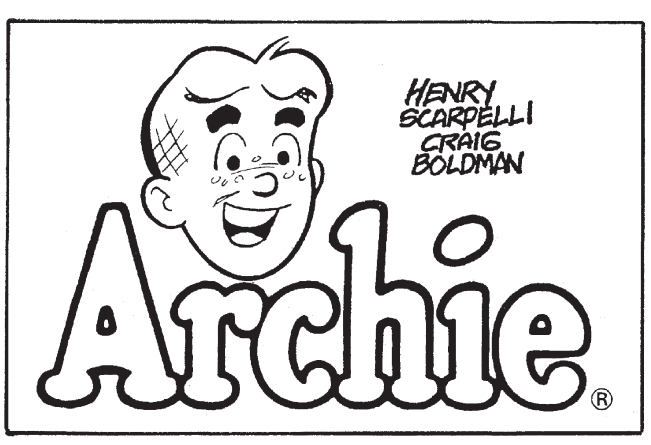
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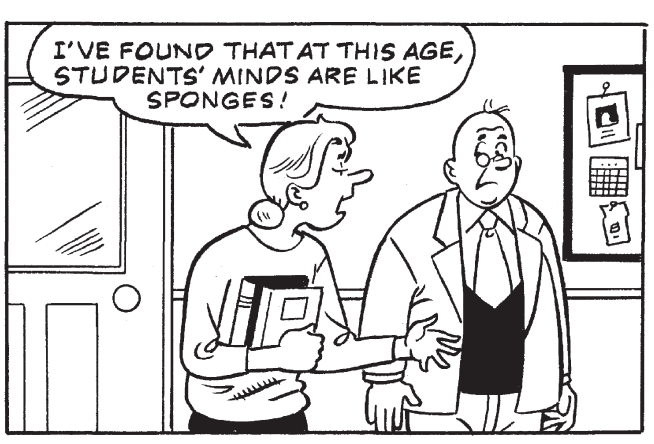
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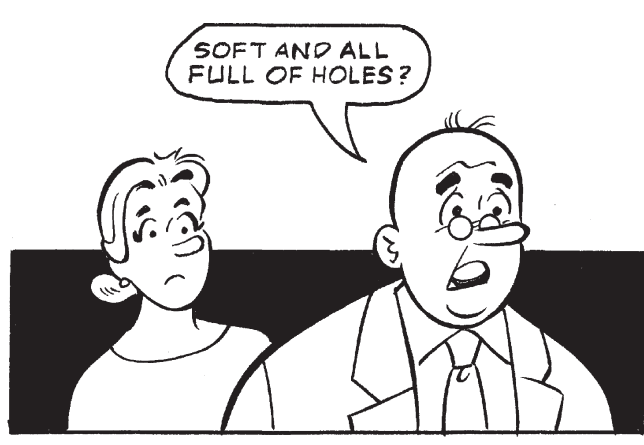
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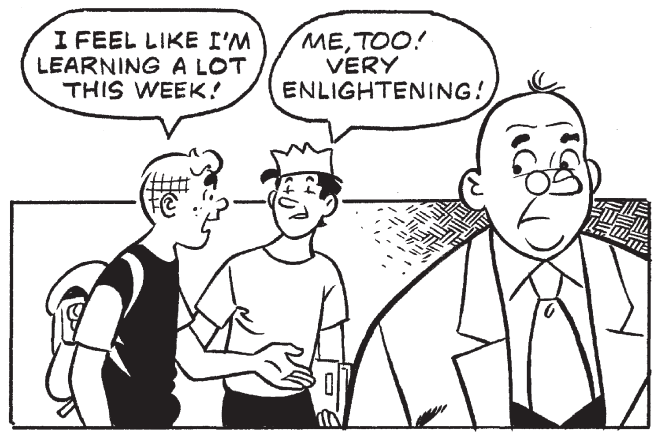
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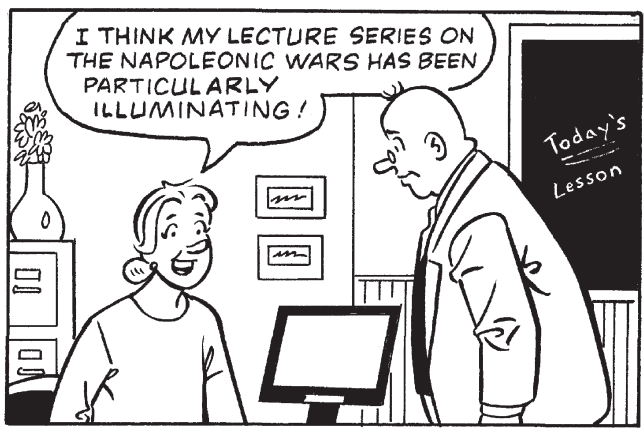


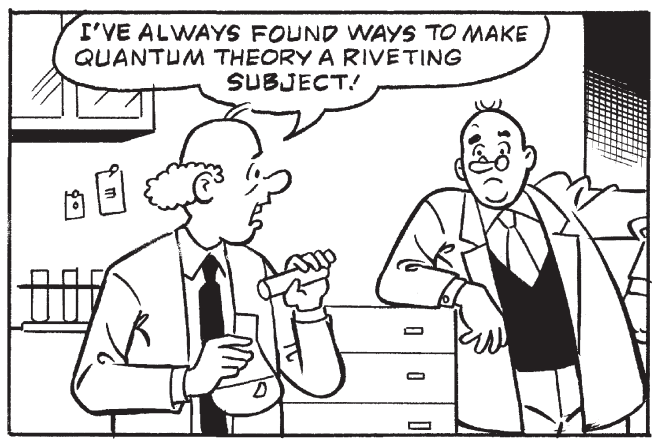








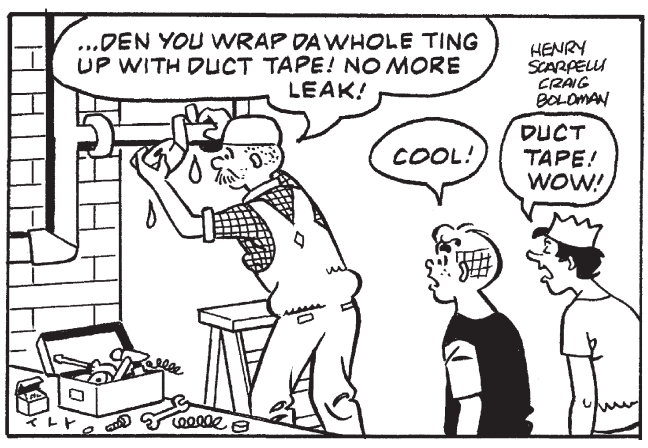








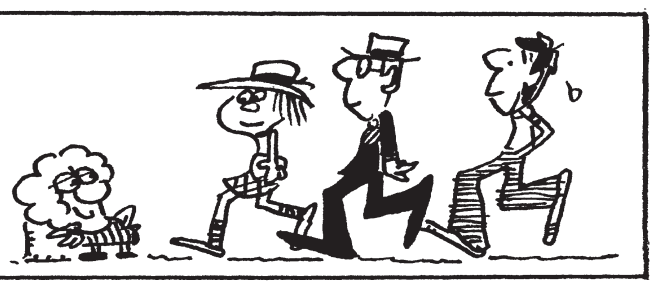
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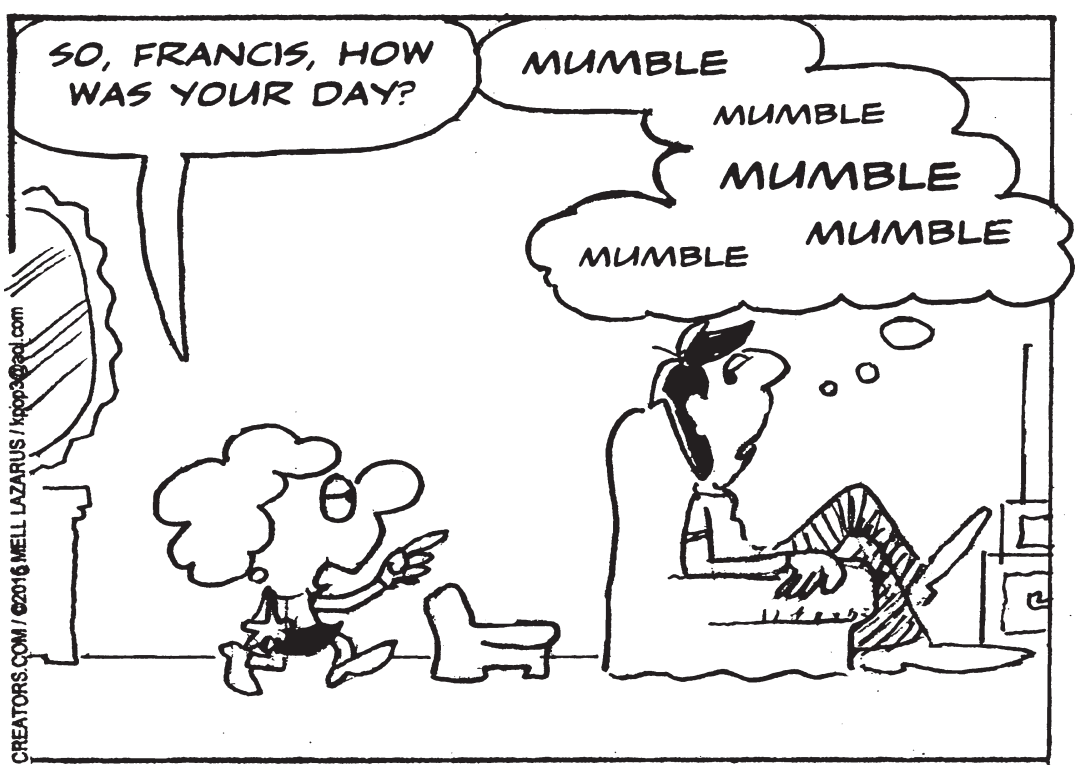


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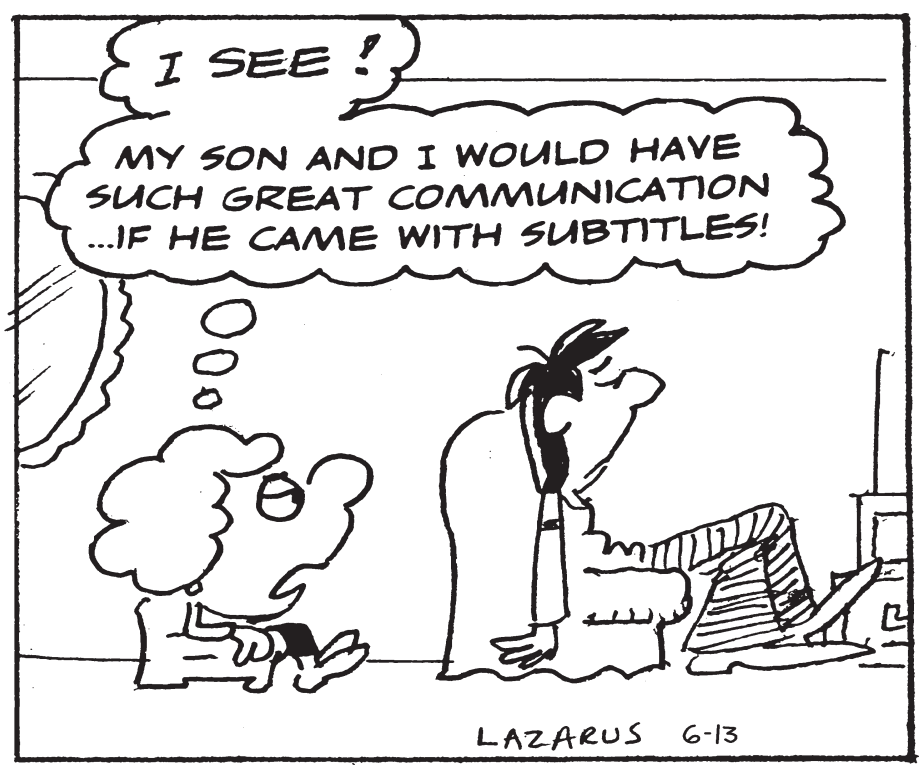
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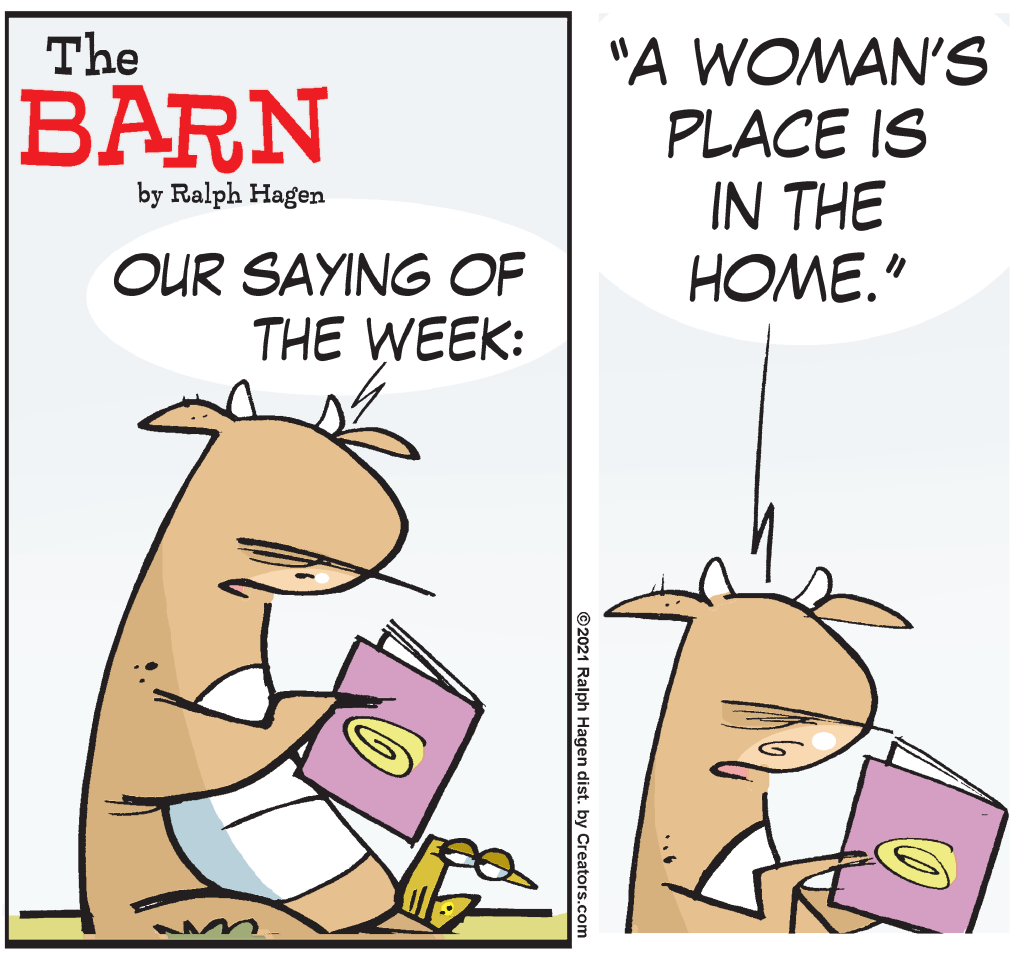


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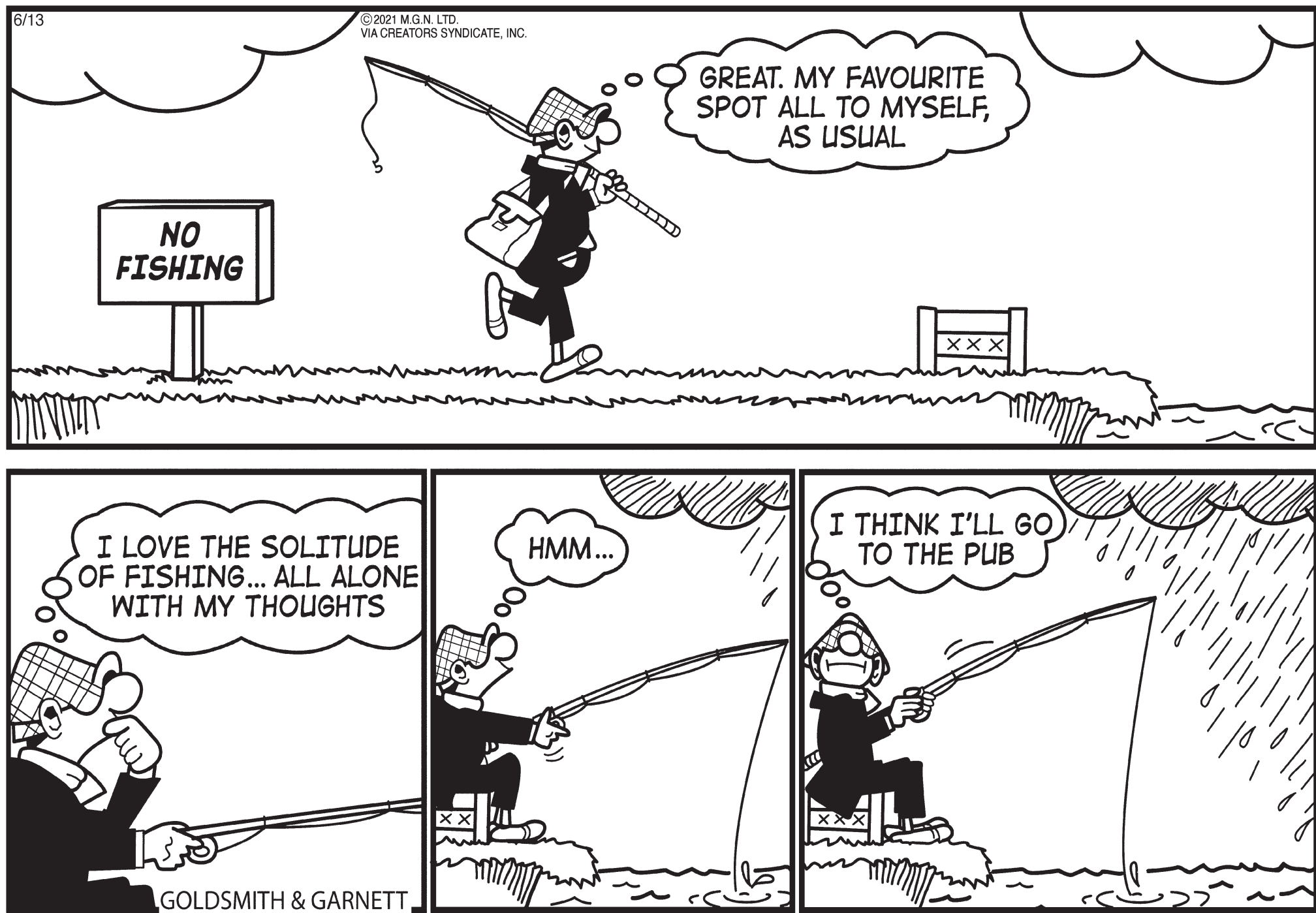
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The Big Spring Steers are set to host the 2021 Steer Basketball Camp

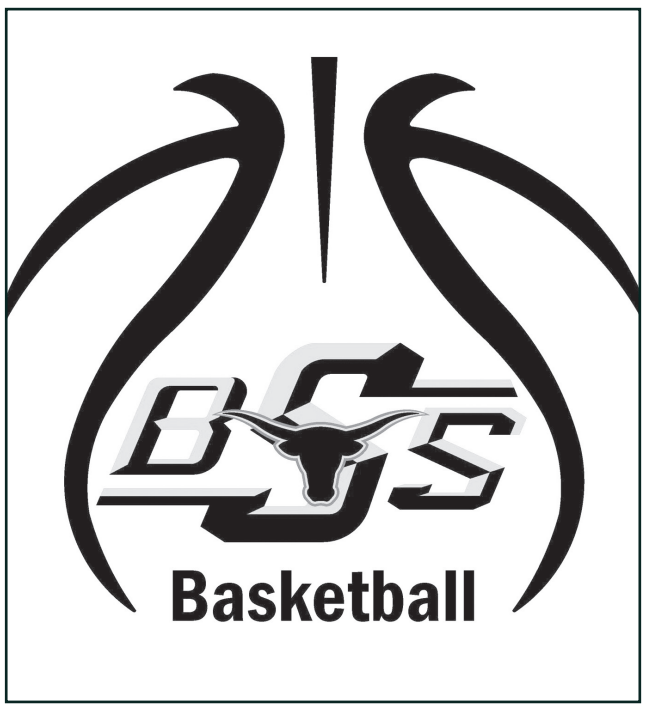
By DUSTIN POPE
Herald Sports Writer

Summer is here; the temps are rising, and the kids are growing restless from not having enough to do. Well, here in Big Spring, we have plenty of various things for them to take part in. The 2021 Big Spring Steer Basketball Camp will open Tuesday, July 6-8. They will have the event at the Steer Gym.

The basketball camp teaches the young players the basics fundamentals of basketball. It will be an entertaining and lose environment for the kids to learn from the Steers coaches. This year's camp will be split into two distinct periods. Session one will be for all incoming first through sixth graders. They will hold this July 6-8 from 9 a.m. through 11 a.m. at the Steer Gym. Session two will be for all incoming seventh through ninth graders. This session will likewise be July 6-8, but the time will be from 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m. Also at the Steer Gym. The camp will be $40.00, and if you pre-register, they ensure you a camp shirt. Registration forms can be picked up at the ATC. Please return all registration forms and the $40 fee to the ATC (no checks or cards will be accepted). Walkups on the day of camp will be accepted, but there will be no guarantee of a shirt. For questions regarding the camp, please contact bmoss@bsisd.esc18.net, or you can call the Big Spring Athletic Office at 432-264-3662.

This camp will be a superb way for the youngsters to remain active, all while learning the game of basketball from the Steers coaches. It's an excellent opportunity for the young players to build a foundation of a good work ethic and sportsmanship. Please come out and have a great time supporting this camp.

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Play ball: Things to know about NCAA super regionals

By ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Super regionals are the next stop on the NCAA baseball tournament's Road to Omaha.

Four of the best-of-three series are Friday through Sunday: North Carolina State (33-17) at Arkansas (49-11), Stanford (36-15) at Texas Tech (39-15), Mississippi (44-20) at Arizona (43-15) and East Carolina (44-15) at Vanderbilt (43-15).

The four series Saturday through Monday: South Florida (31-28) at Texas (45-15), Notre Dame (33-11) at Mississippi State (43-15), Dallas Baptist (40-16) vs. Virginia (33-24) at Columbia, South Carolina, and LSU (38-23) at Tennessee (48-16).

The eight winners advance to the College World Series in Omaha starting June 19.

MAINIERI'S LAST STAND?

South Florida has emerged as the tournament's lovable underdog, but LSU is the sentimental favorite of many fans for as long as the Tigers keep going. Their coach, active career wins leader Paul Mainieri, announced before the tournament he will retire after this season.

LSU had to win four of its last five SEC series to get an at-large bid as a No. 3 regional seed, and the Tigers beat Oregon twice in two days to advance.

Now it's on to SEC rival Tennessee. The Volunteers swept the Tigers in Knoxville in March, beating them in walk-off fashion twice, and are the final obstacle between Mainieri and his sixth CWS appearance since 2008.

LOTS OF LONG BALLS

Home runs are up through the first weekend of the tournament. A total of 313 were hit in 103 games, an average of 3.04 per game. That's up 17% from 2019 regionals — there was no tournament in 2020 because of the pandemic — when there were 243 homers hit in 94 games, or 2.59 per game.

The 313 homers were the most in regionals since at least 2005, according to the NCAA.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Mississippi State's five straight super regional appearances lead the nation. Vanderbilt, the 2019 national champion, and Arkansas are in supers a fourth time in a row and Texas Tech is in a third straight.

LSU and Texas have the top two winning percentages in super regional play among teams with a minimum of 25 games. The Tigers are 114-36 (.760) and the Longhorns are 154-59 (.723).

ROAD WARRIORS

North Carolina State, which won three straight as the No. 2 regional seed at Ruston, Louisiana, heads to No. 1 national seed Arkansas with the best road record in the nation. The Wolfpack are 17-3 (.850) in true road games and have won six straight as the visitor. Arkansas is 29-6 in Fayetteville.

OFFENSE, OFFENSE, OFFENSE

Notre Dame batted a tournament-best .405 in regionals with 15 home runs and outscored three opponents 50-5. Irish first baseman Nick Kavadas hit five homers, including a grand slam, batted .600, slugged 2.100, had an on-base percentage of .750 after getting walked six times and drove in 13 runs.

ALL ABOUT PITCHING

Texas allowed four earned runs in 27 innings in regionals for a tournament-best 1.33 ERA. Notre Dame (1.67) and Texas Tech (1.67) have the other sub-2.00 ERAs. Mississippi State is averaging 14 strikeouts per nine innings.

SEC pitcher of the year Kevin Kopps of Arkansas carried the heaviest load, allowing no runs in 13 1/3 innings over three games. He threw 185 pitches, allowed six hits, walked none and struck out 15.

Stanford's Brendan Beck has a 1.69 ERA over his last four outings spanning 32 innings, allowing six runs on 17 hits with four walks and 40 strikeouts.

ALL NEW FOR 'HOOS

All of Virginia's players are first-timers in the NCAA Tournament, and the Cavaliers, aka the "Wahoos," are in super regionals for the first time since 2015.

Coach Brian O'Connor has taken seven of his 18 teams to supers. This one made it as a No. 3 regional seed, and it had to beat Old Dominion twice to advance, the second win coming on Devin Ortiz's 10th-inning walk-off homer Monday.

"They're all special," O'Connor said. "This one's just incredibly special."

MODEL OF CONSISTENCY

Dallas Baptist, 10 years removed from its only other super regional appearance, is the only remaining team that's won at least 40 games seven straight years.

HIM AGAIN

Drew Gilbert, whose grand slam gave Tennessee a 9-8 walk—off win over Wright State in its regional opener, has homered in three straight games.

LSU fans will remember it was Gilbert who hit the 11th-inning home run that gave the Volunteers their 9-8 walk-off win over the Tigers on March 28.

PIRATES' 'PAUL BUNYAN'

Vanderbilt will face a tall task against East Carolina ace Gavin Williams. The 6-foot-6, 238-pound junior is 10-0 with a 1.82 ERA and has struck out 117 in 74 innings.

Williams has allowed just three earned runs in 25 innings in five road appearances this season (1.08 ERA).

"Looks like Paul Bunyan and throws the ball 97 mph and doesn't back off. I mean, he holds his velocity," Vandy coach Tim Corbin said. "We haven't seen a lot of pitchers that hold their velocity that long. He's a freak."

College Football Playoff considering expansion to 12 teams

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

There was a time not so long ago, 2012 to be exact, when the big news in college football was conference commissioners simply using the word playoff when talking about the future of the sports' postseason format.

Less than 10 years later, and eight years into College Football Playoff era, the number of teams that will have a chance to win a national title in the postseason is poised to triple.

The College Football Playoff announced Thursday it will consider expanding from four to 12 teams to settle the championship, with six spots reserved for the highest-ranked conference champions and the other six going to at-large selections.

"This proposal, at its heart, was created to provide more participation," CFP Executive Director Bill Hancock said.

Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick, part of the group that has been working on an expansion plan, noted that only about 4% of major college football teams reach the playoff. In most other NCAA sports, more than 20% of the competing schools participate in the championship event.

The playoff's popularity seems to have waned as only a few teams have grabbed the majority of the spots since 2014. Alabama and Clemson have each made the playoff six times in seven years. Ohio State and Oklahoma have each been selected four times. That's 71% of the playoff spots to just four of the 130 FBS teams.

There was concern that down the stretch of the season, the pool of teams with a legitimate chance to make the four-team playoff had become too small.

"This (proposed model) creates energy in October and November. The practical effect will be that with four to five weeks to go in the season, there will be 25-30 team with a legitimate chance," Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said.

The CFP's surprising announcement outlined a detailed plan, but there are still steps to be taken and time for discussion and possible tweaks.

If the format is adopted — no earlier than this fall — there was no indication in the proposal about when an expanded playoff could be in place. The soonest would seem to be for the 2023 season. Implementation could also be as far off the 2026 season.

A selection committee would still be involved, and the proposed 12-team playoff would not limit how many teams can come from any one conference. The four highest-ranked conference champions would receive first-round byes and teams 5-12 would face each other in four games played on campus sometime during the two-week period following conference championship weekend, typically early December.

Quarterfinals would be hosted by bowl games on New Year's Day —- unless that falls on a Sunday, in which case those games will be played Jan. 2 — and an adjacent day.

The semifinals would also be hosted by bowl games, as is the case now. The plan calls for no re-seeding of the bracket as teams advance.

Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson cited the history of the bowls in college football and the desire to keep them "relevant."

He also added: "All these points are going to have an opportunity to be discussed these are the recommendations of four people. There are seven other commissioners that will get to weigh in next week in Chicago."

A 12-team field with six spots reserved for conference champions would guarantee at least one team from outside the Power Five conferences would be in the playoff each season. The Group of Five — which includes the Mountain West, American Athletic, Sun Belt, Mid-American Conference and Conference USA — has never had a team crack the field of four or been particularly close.

Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey said the large jump from four to 12 made it more palatable to create automatic access points for conference champions.

"That doesn't work if you are reducing opportunities for those highly ranked," Sankey said.

The proposal will be considered by the full CFP management committee during an in-person meeting at the Big Ten's offices outside Chicago on June 17-18. The subcommittee comprised of Swarbrick, Bowlsby, Thompson and Sankey presented the proposal to the rest of conference commissioners in a Zoom meeting Thursday, but got no feedback.



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Foltynewicz scheduled to start for Rangers at Dodgers

By The Associated Press

Texas Rangers (24-39, fifth in the AL West) vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (37-25, second in the NL West)

Los Angeles; Friday, 10:10 p.m. EDT

PITCHING PROBABLES: Rangers: Mike Foltynewicz (1-6, 4.75 ERA, 1.34 WHIP, 46 strikeouts) Dodgers: Clayton Kershaw (7-5, 3.66 ERA, 1.01 WHIP, 86 strikeouts)

FANDUEL SPORTSBOOK LINE: Dodgers -338, Rangers +275; over/under is 8 runs

BOTTOM LINE: Los Angeles and Texas will play on Friday.

The Dodgers are 19-10 in home games in 2020. The Los Angeles offense has compiled a .240 batting average as a team this season, good for twelfth in the National League. Justin Turner leads the team with a mark of .279.

The Rangers are 9-23 on the road. Texas has hit 68 home runs as a team this season. Adolis Garcia leads the team with 16, averaging one every 12.7 at-bats.

TOP PERFORMERS: Mookie Betts leads the Dodgers with 26 extra base hits and is batting .250.

Garcia leads the Rangers with 21 extra base hits and is batting .276.

LAST 10 GAMES: Dodgers: 6-4, .226 batting average, 3.56 ERA, outscored opponents by 20 runs

Rangers: 2-8, .189 batting average, 4.43 ERA, outscored by 24 runs

INJURIES: Dodgers: Dustin May: (elbow), Corey Knebel: (lat), Tommy Kahnle: (tommy john surgery), Caleb Ferguson: (elbow), Garrett Cleavinger: (elbow), Scott Alexander: (shoulder), Yoshi Tsutsugo: (calf), Corey Seager: (hand), Edwin Rios: (shoulder).

Rangers: Hunter Wood: (elbow), Jose Leclerc: (elbow), Ian Kennedy: (hamstring), Jonathan Hernandez: (elbow), Kyle Cody: (right shoulder), Matt Bush: (elbow), Kohei Arihara: (finger).

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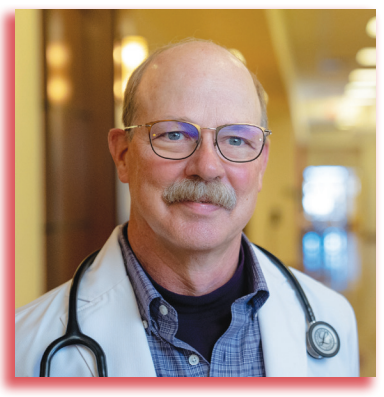
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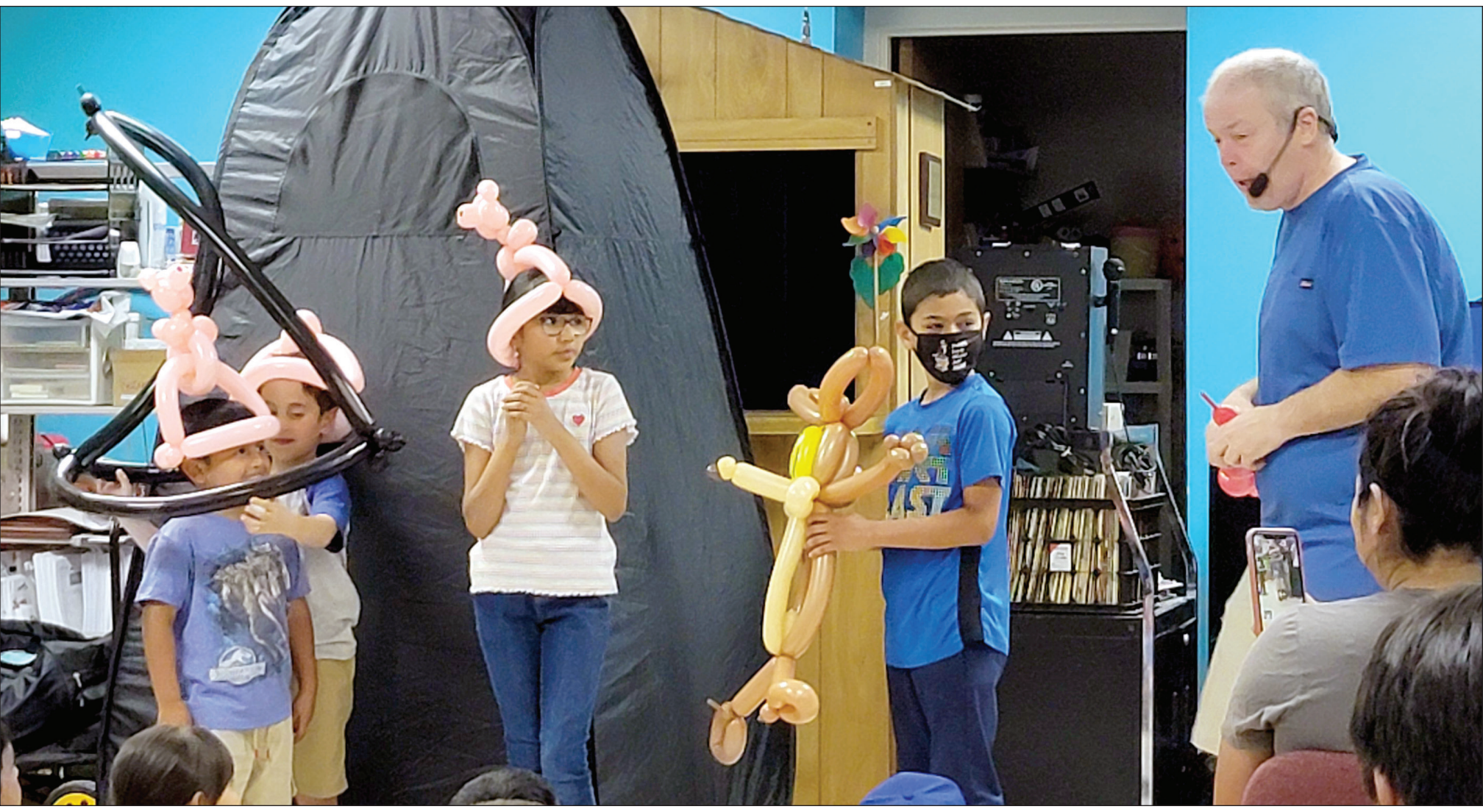
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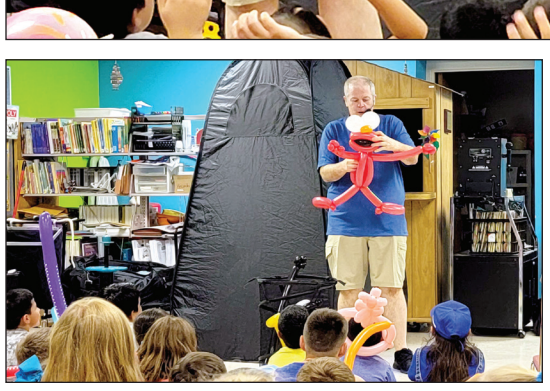


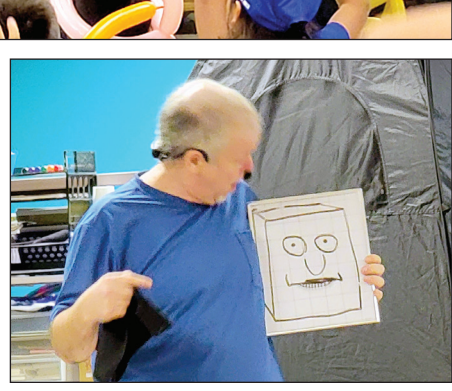


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The Howard County Library had a treat for kids Tuesday as balloon artist and magician Robb Holladay performed as the first installment in the Library's Tails and Tales 2021 Summer Reading Program. The program has storytime at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays for K-2nd Grade Terrific Tigers and at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays for 3rd-6th grade Roaring Lions. Code Club is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. All events are in the Children's Room in the Library basement. Upcoming events include: Storyteller Kim Lehman, 10:30 a.m. June 16; Science Spectrum: Native Animals, 10:30 a.m. June 21; Storyteller Margaret Clauder, 10:30 a.m. June 29; Rhythm Path - Interactive Drumming, 10:30 a.m. July 7; Science Spectrum - Rainforest Animals, 10:30 a.m. July 16; Storyteller Toni Simmons, 10:30 a.m. July 21; Abilene Zoo, 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. July 28; and Magician Harlin Rhodes and the Summer Reading Program Celebration, 10:30 a.m. August 4. Visit www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary or call 264-2260 for info.











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Sandra Verdin

The library will have an adult program on Tuesday, June 15 at 6 p.m.: "The Unbroken Circle: Collecting and Using Family Stories with Kim Lehman," Kim is a professional storyteller, musician and workshop presenter. In this workshop she will be sharing interviewing and storytelling techniques. Kim will also present for Summer Reading Program. On Wednesday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m. Kim will present "Tales and Tunes," in the Children's Room, she will have an interactive presentation, share facts and folktales about animals and sing songs. On Thursday at 10:30 a.m., Kim will do another presentation specifically for children ages 2-5, "Tiny Tales and Tunes." This fun-filled, age appropriate, interactive program combines props, stories, music, puppets and rhymes. The children are engaged while parents and caregivers can learn songs and interactions skills to share with their children at home. We will have storytime on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the children's room and Code Club on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Registration for Summer Reading Program is free and open throughout the summer. Visit our webpage and Facebook page for calendar updates and information.

This week's reviews are fiction audiobooks.

Rose Dennis wakes up in a hospital gown, her brain in a fog, only to discover that she's been committed to an Alzheimer's unit in a nursing home in *What Rose Forgot* (AUCD F BAR N) by Nevada Barr. With no memory of how she ended up in this position, Rose is sure something is very wrong. When she overhears one of the administrators saying about her that she's "not making it through the week," Rose is convinced that if she's to survive, she has to get out of the nursing home. She avoids taking her medication, putting on a show for the aides, then stages her escape.

The only problem is, how does she convince anyone that she's not actually demented? Her relatives were the ones to commit her, all the legal papers were drawn up, the authorities are on the side of the nursing home, and even she isn't sure she sounds completely sane. But any lingering doubt Rose herself might have had is erased when a would-be killer shows up in her house in the middle of the night. Now, Rose knows someone is determined to get rid of her. With the help of her computer hacker/recluse sister, Marion, 13-year-old granddaughter Mel, and Mel's friend Royal, Rose begins to gather her strength and fight back to find out who is after her and take back control of her own life. But someone out there is still determined to kill Rose, and they're holding all the cards.

When private detective Agatha Raisin comes across a severed leg in a roadside hedge in *Beating About The Bush* — Agatha Raisin series #30 (AUCD F BEA M) by M.C. Beaton, it looks like she is about to become involved in a particularly gruesome murder. Looks, however, can be deceiving, as Agatha discovers when she is employed to investigate a case of industrial espionage at a factory where nothing is quite what it seems. The factory mystery soon turns to murder and a bad-tempered donkey turns Agatha into a national celebrity, before bringing her ridicule and shame.

To add to her woes, Agatha finds herself grappling with growing feelings for her friend and occasional lover, Sir Charles Fraith. Then, as a possible solution to the factory murder unfolds, her own life is thrown into deadly peril. Will Agatha get her man at last? Or will the killer get her first?

Hannah Russell's carefully crafted plans for her life have been upended without warning in *The Country Guesthouse* — Sullivan's Crossing series #5 (AUCD F CAR R) by Robyn Carr. When her best friend died suddenly, Hannah became guardian to a five-year-old named Noah. With no experience at motherhood, she's terrified she's not up to the challenge. She and Noah need time to get to know each other, so she decides to rent a country house with stunning views on a lake in rural Colorado. When they arrive at the house, they are greeted by the owner, a handsome man who promises to stay out of their way. But his clumsy Great Dane, Romeo, has other ideas and Noah immediately bonds with the lovable dog.

As Hannah learns to become a mother, Owen Abrams, who is recovering from his own grief, can't help but be drawn out of his solitude by his guests. But life throws more challenges at this unlikely trio and they are tested in ways they never thought possible. All three will discover their strengths and, despite their differences, they will fight to become a family. And the people of Sullivan's Crossing will rally around them to offer all of the support they need.

Adele and Justine have never been close in *Sunrise on Half Moon Bay* (AUCD F CAR R) by Robyn Carr. Born 20 years apart, Justine was already an adult when Addie was born. The sisters love each other but they don't really know each other. When Addie dropped out of university to care for their ailing parents, Justine, a successful lawyer, covered the expenses.

It was the best arrangement at the time but now that their parents are gone, the future has changed dramatically for both women. Addie had great plans for her life but has been worn down by the pressures of being a caregiver and doesn't know how to live for herself. And Justine's success has come at a price. Her marriage is falling apart despite her best efforts. Neither woman knows how to start life over but both realize they can and must support each other the way only sisters can.

Together they find the strength to accept their failures and overcome their challenges. Happiness is within reach, if only they have the courage to fight for it.

"Listening to podcast, reading a book, listening to an audiobook and watching films isn't waste of time. It's how somebody becomes wise!"—Deyth Banger

Highlighting Howard Co. business

Entertaining the community - Eddie Austin Entertainment Event Attractions

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

From playing in front of a crowd, to teaching 30-plus students in a classroom, to arranging events … is there anything he doesn't do?

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He continued, "Our range of unique attractions gives us a certain shine of its own. We respect, work and collaborate with other like services to ensure our community and event's success and satisfaction."



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Eddie Austin has been providing entertainment for Howard County and surrounding area for the past several years and now has expanded the entertainment services. From live music, to mini golf, to a photo booth and more, Eddie Austin Entertainment Event Attraction can help.

As Austin looks forward to the second half of this year, in addition to planning more live performances, he is looking to see what other areas he can reach with his unique investment and meet the demand of quality entertainment in the Howard County and surrounding areas. His business was heavily impacted – all areas of entertainment – during the pandemic. Now that communities and events are starting to open back up, Austin is ready to jump in full speed ahead.

"Pandemic, we saw a lot of people pull out of the business, we took the chance to further invest and prepare our niche in the market," he said.

For those looking at or even simply thinking about starting their own business, Austin encourages the leap.

"Anyone looking to start a business … I wish them the best of luck," he said. "Big Spring is the heart of Texas...if you can make it here, you can make it anywhere."

He continued, "We are so thankful for the support from our community; to all those who have hired us, supported us ... we appreciate you."

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Implementing brush control to help save our water supply

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Between increasing water demands and the drought that continues to plague our land, conserving water and increasing recharge of our groundwater should continue to be a goal for Texans.

One way to accomplish this goal is by implementing brush control. Noxious brush, detrimental to water conservation, has invaded millions of acres of rangeland and riparian area in Texas, reducing or eliminating stream flow and aquifer recharge through interception of rainfall and increased evapotranspiration. It is estimated that these invasive brush consume as much as 10 million acre-feet of water in Texas each year.

Removal of brush has the potential to enhance water yield, conserve water lost to evapotranspiration, recharge groundwater and aquifers, enhance spring and stream flows, improve soil health, restore native wildlife habitat by improving rangeland, improve livestock grazing distribution, protect water quality and reduce soil erosion, aid in wildfire suppression by reducing hazardous fuels, and manage invasive species.

The predominant threat in our area is mesquite. It is estimated that a single adult tree can consume up to as much as 20 gallons of water per day. Reading this statistic can be alarming when we begin to think of how quickly the total number of water can be consumed by this invasive brush. Mesquite, along with other water sucking brush such as salt cedars, have an extended tap root system which allows the species to extract water from greater depths than do grasses and forbs, and they can also grow over shallow aquifers near streams and can be expected to use large amounts of groundwater, likely reducing the amount in both the interconnected stream and aquifer. Brush control can reduce the total amount of water used by vegetation and can increase runoff and/or subsurface flows to streams or aquifers. However, in order for brush control to have substantial long-term impacts on water yield, most or all of the woody vegetation in the treated area should be killed, and regrowth of brush and herbaceous vegetation should be controlled so that it is less dense and more shallow rooted than the pretreatment vegetation.

As this region still faces severe drought conditions, it has never been more critical to manage water resources in every type of consumption. Keeping high water consuming brush species managed and under control should continue to be a key focus for landowners and of the state's Water Supply Enhancement Program, whose primary purpose is to increase available surface and ground water through the targeted control of brush species that are detrimental to water conservation.

For more information regarding brush control, the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District invites you to visit their website at www.pbuwcd.com or call them at 432-756-2136.



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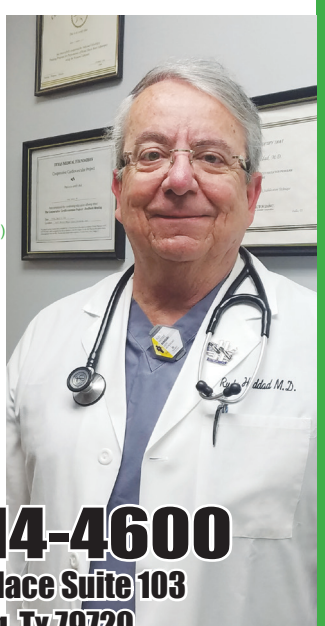
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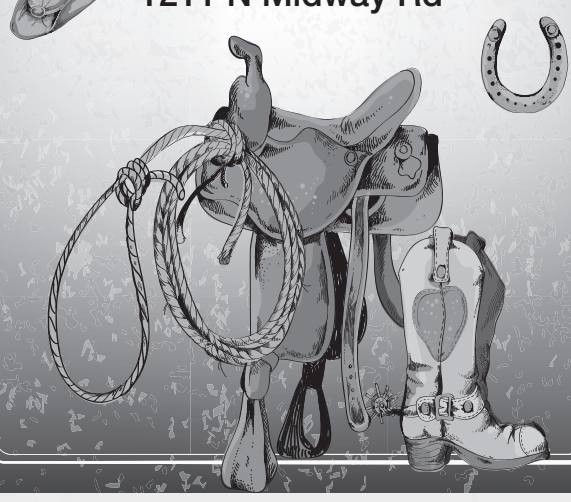
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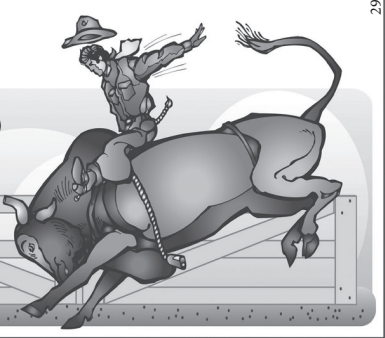
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF Frankie Orlene Hazelwood, Deceased

All persons interested in the Estate of Frankie Orlene Hazelwood, Deceased, are hereby cited to file an answer with the County Clerk, Howard County, Texas on or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of ten days from the publication of this Citation.

An Application Letters of Independent Administration was filed on May 28, 2021 and the Application to Determine Heirship was filed on June 3, 2021 under Cause P-15181 by Mark Hazelwood as the applicant for Independent Administrator of the Estate of Frankie Orlene Hazelwood, in the County Court of Howard County, Texas.

Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address
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If any interested party or their attorney has not filed an answer before said Court as stated above at the mentioned time an place contesting such application, should they desire to do so, the application will be heard and acted upon by said Court anytime following the expiration of 10 days from the date of issuance of this citation.

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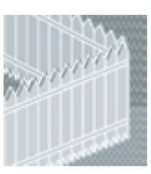
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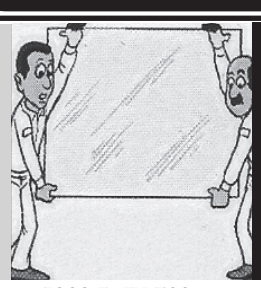
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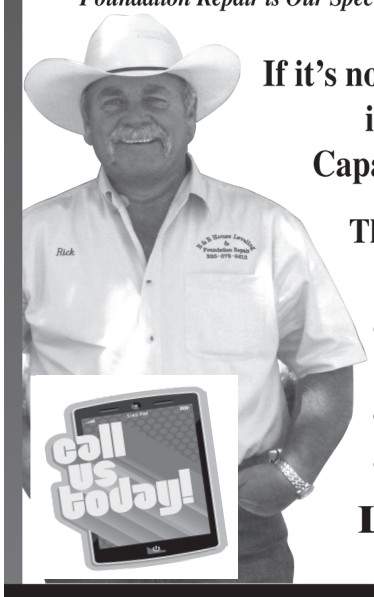
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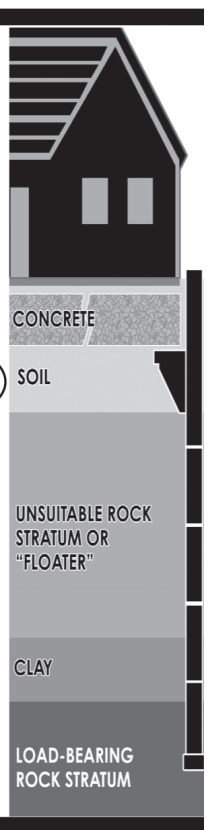
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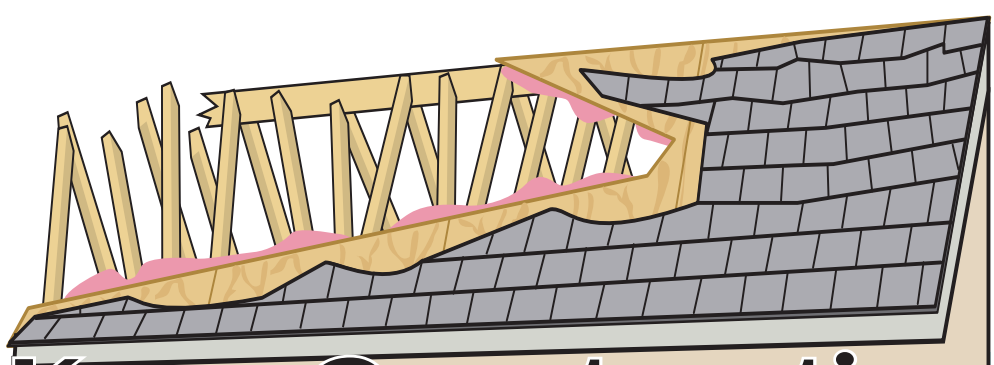
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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rodolfo C. Deleon, deceased were issued on March 15, 2021 in Cause No. P-15122, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Rosella Munoz.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

C/O Rosella Munoz
1008 N Runnels
Big Spring, TX 79720

DATED June 8, 2021

/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III
C.E. MIKE THOMAS III
Attorney for Rosella Munoz
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CAUSE NO. P-15133

IN THE ESTATE OF MARTHA ANN HALL, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTHA ANN HALL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of MARTHA ANN HALL, DECEASED were issued on June 8, 2021, in Cause No. P-15133 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to CHARLES HALL.

The residence of CHARLES HALL is 4224 Timberglen, Midland, TX 79707.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 8 day of June, 2021.

/s/ Charles Rayburn Hall
CHARLES RAYBURN HALL

#10945

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RAYMOND HOGG, Deceased, were issued on June 2, 2021, in Cause No. P-15128, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: GARY RAWLS.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **GARY RAWLS**
8700 NCR 37
Big Spring, Texas
79720

DATED the 7th day of June, 2021.

/s/Joshua Hamby
Joshua Hamby
Attorney for
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

CAUSE NO. P-15037

ESTATE OF AMY MICHELLE LOPEZ, DECEASED

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OR HEIRS WHOSE WHERE,ABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AND HEIRS WHO ARE NON-RESIDENTS OR ARE ABSENT FROM THIS STATE

ANDRES LOPEZ, Applicant, filed in the **COUNTY COURT** of **HOWARD County, Texas**, on **06/26/2020** an **APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND HEIRSHIP DETERMINATION** of the Estate of **AMY MICHELLE LOPEZ, DECEASED**, in Cause No. **P-15037**, styled IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AMY MICHELLE LOPEZ, which is now pending on the probate docket of said Court.

Said Application and any opposition will be heard and acted upon by said Court after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the COUNTY COURT, **300 S MAIN ST, BIG SPRING, TX 79720** in **HOWARD County, Texas.**

All persons interested in this estate are cited to appear before said Honorable Court at the above stated time and date **to SHOW CAUSE, if any, why said Estate should not be admitted to probate. To ensure its consideration, any objection, intervention, or response must be filed in writing** with the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas, **on or before the above noted date and time.**

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Big Spring, Texas, on 06/29/2020.

BRENT ZITTERKOPF,
COUNTY CLERK
HOWARD CountY, Texas
3OO S MAIN ST, ROOM 104
BIG SPRING, TX
By: /s/ Trent Powell
TRENT POWELL, Deputy

Plaintiff(s) Attorney:
EMILY K. SMITH
THE JOHNSON FIRM
3548 N.E. STALLINGS DRIVE
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS 75965
214-468-9000

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE (REAL PROPERTY)

BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution issued out of the 118th District Court of Howard County, State of Texas, in a certain cause numbered: 52123 where in John Deere Construction & Forestry Company vs Matthew Alexander is the Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of $21,720.46, plus post-judgement interest at the rate of 5.50% from June 10, 2019 until paid plus attorney's fees and court cost and fees totaling $1,510.00. I on the 9th of March, 2021 at 1:41 p.m. have levied upon, and will on the 6th of July 2021, at 300 S Main at the north courthouse door, between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Big Spring, Texas with in legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Matthew Alexander in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the defendant, to wit:

PROPERTY

Being acres 4.640, SC 19 BK 32 1S TR 15-16 2007 Combine Accts 51519005900 & 6000022023 Acq 120611 Blk/Tract 32 1s 4064 Acres, in Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat in the Records of Howard County, Texas and commonly known as 4006 Chaparral Road, Big Spring, TX.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for $23,230.46 plus judgement interest at the rate of 5.50% from June 10, 2019 until paid in favor of John Deere Construction & Forestry Company together with costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this

Stan Parker
Sheriff
Howard County, Texas
By: /s/Dean Restelli
Chief Deputy Dean Restelli
432-264-2231

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Think Green Reuse Recycle

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It all adds up

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ A 9 4

WEST
♠ 6
♥ J 9 6 4 3
♦ A 9 5 4 2
♣ Q 7

EAST
♠ 10 8 3
♥ A 5
♦ K Q
♣ J 10 8 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 4 2
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ J 8
♣ K 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — four of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at four spades. West leads the four of hearts to East's ace, and East cashes the K-Q of diamonds before exiting with a heart to dummy's king. How would you continue?

When the deal occurred, South played the K-Q of spades, disclosing the 3-1 trump break. He then led the heart eight and ruffed it with dummy's nine. Had East followed to the third heart, South would have been home free, later ruffing his remaining heart with dummy's ace. As it was though, East overruffed the nine with the ten for down one.

While South was unlucky to find East with the 10-x-x of spades and a doubleton heart, he did not give himself the best chance. Before trying to ruff the heart at trick seven, he should first have cashed the K-A of clubs and ruffed a club in his hand.

When West shows out on the third club, the opposing distribution becomes an open book. East is known to have started with exactly three spades and six clubs, plus the two hearts and two diamonds he has already played, so West has all the remaining hearts and diamonds.

Declarer is thus forewarned of East's impending heart overruff. At the same time, he becomes aware that there is a surefire way to make the contract. This is the position after the third club has been ruffed:

North
♠ A 9
♦ 10 7

West
♥ J 9
♦ A 9

East
♠ 10
♣ J 8 6

South
♠ J 4
♥ 10 8

When declarer now leads the jack of spades, West is stymied. If he discards a diamond, South overtakes the jack with the ace and ruffs a diamond to establish dummy's ten. If West discards a heart instead, declarer plays the nine of spades on the jack and ruffs a heart to establish the ten of hearts in his hand.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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		9		4	8	2		
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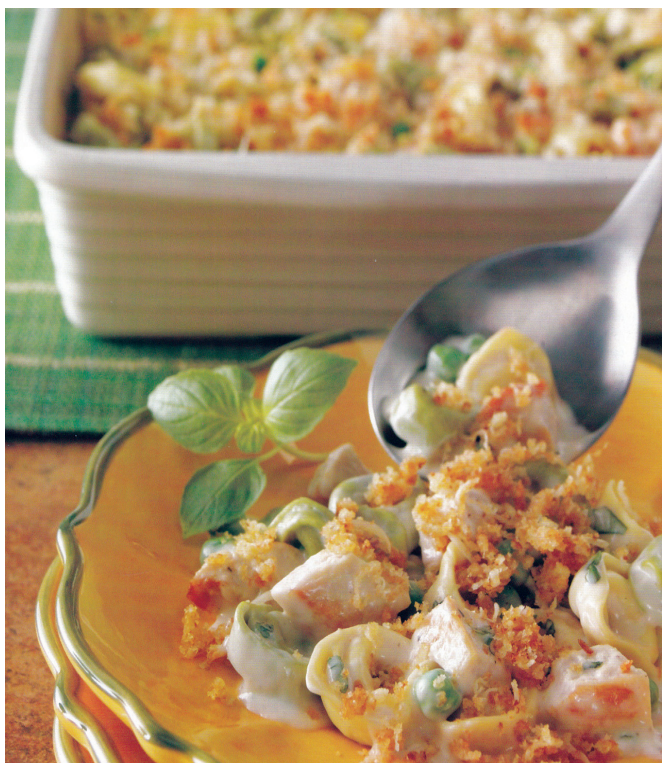
ANSWER:

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



Dive into dairy with cheesy dinner creation

There's no denying the appeal of dairy in home cooking. Dairy helps make foods silky, creamy and more satisfying. Cheeses in particular can make meals more rich and more flavorful, so much so that they can be truly addictive.

Layering cheesy goodness can set any meal apart. That's just what happens with "Cheesy Chicken Tortellini Bake" from "The Pampered Chef® Stoneware Inspirations" (The Pampered Chef® Ltd.) by The Pampered Chef® Test Kitchens. Freshly cooked chicken and homemade tortellini can be used for this comforting casserole, but cubed, pre-cooked chicken and refrigerated tortellini also works.

Cheesy Chicken Tortellini Bake
Serves 6

Pasta mixture

1/2 cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 garlic clove, pressed
1 jar (16 ounces) white Alfredo pasta sauce
2 packages (9 ounces each) refrigerated cheese-filled regular or spinach tortellini
1 1/2 cups cubed cooked chicken
1 cup milk
1 cup water
1 cup frozen peas
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons snipped fresh basil leaves or 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves

Crumb topping

1 ounce grated fresh Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 cup fresh bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 400 F.

For pasta mixture, chop onion. In a 4-quart casserole, heat oil over medium-high heat; add onion and garlic pressed with a garlic press.

Cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until onion is tender.

Stir in pasta sauce, tortellini, chicken, milk, water, peas, and black pepper. Heat until mixture just comes to a boil; remove from heat. Stir basil into pasta mixture.

Meanwhile, for crumb topping, grate Parmesan cheese. Place butter in a small microwave-safe dish, microwave on high 30-45 seconds or until melted.

Stir in bread crumbs and cheese; mix well. Spoon pasta mixture into a baking dish; sprinkle with crumb topping. Bake 15-20 minutes or until edges are bubbly and topping is golden brown.

Tip: Alfredo sauce in a jar can be found in the pasta sauce section of the supermarket. Do not substitute refrigerated Alfredo sauce; it may separate and curdle during baking.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

By Holiday Mathis

In the Light of Reality

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're curious, but you also appreciate the wonderment that comes before knowing. Finding beauty in a lingering mystery, you'll refrain from asking questions you don't want to know the answer to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). "Measure twice and cut once" is the adage. But if you're not planning to cut anything, is the measuring really necessary? Comparison can be problematic now. Don't let "measuring up" take too much of your time and energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you're in it for the journey, the scenic (though indirect) route has merit. There's a decision to make. You won't regret choosing what appeals most to your senses instead of a time frame.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You now see how the obstacle blocking your forward movement is at least partially self-created by limits you imposed with your mind. Terrific news! Now you can get around it by thinking a different way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You put smiles on the faces of those you love for fun. To put smiles on faces you don't know earns you karma points. If you want to go for true nobility, extend goodwill to the enemy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are ideas that have an actual presence you can feel. It's not unlike the presence of a person. You sense an idea hovering near, wanting to cross into your world. You need only welcome it in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once you accept that you are human, you give up trying to make everything so perfect and allow for a little of that primal instinct that is your birthright to kick in, too, some of which will be extremely helpful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Living too safe gets boring. You don't have to do anything too wild to get that charge of vitality that sends you to the higher realms of joy, though you do have to be willing to take a risk and get uncomfortable.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Attraction, curiosity and interest are not guaranteed to be reciprocal, and that's what makes it so wonderful when mutuality presents itself, as it does today! You wonder about them; they wonder about you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Being a good person doesn't make you immune to bad moods, or bad behavior. Take things situation by situation. Try not to judge yourself for whatever you're going through. Welcome the full range of your feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A vague inward feeling haunts. Quite simply, this one is a little like math homework in that it won't resolve itself. The good news is it's really only one problem and the minute you face it, you know the answer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You go forward, never resting, with each step thinking of what you want -- and your backup plan, too. You're ready to fuel what's working, catch what falls and leverage resources to greater effect.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 13). Unapologetically passionate, the ambition that drives you to achieve top ranking will also allow you to help others to a fantastic extent. You could make all the difference in the worlds of many. September brings a sense that nothing is fixed about your destiny and whimsical decisions will send you on an adventure. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 12, 44, 18 and 3.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: We're in the last week of the season and the Gemini sun as well as the last week of Jupiter being direct. On Sunday, June 20, Jupiter retrogrades for about four months.

In preparation for the upcoming changes, avoid thoughts and phrases that include the word "deserve." No one really knows what another person deserves. Most people don't even know what they themselves deserve, and since the universe doesn't follow our tally, it's a generally unhelpful line of thought. Effective approaches have more to do with the rules of cause and effect in a particular environment. Asking, "How do I make XYZ happen?" is a much better question than "What do I deserve?"

Speaking of retrogrades, the Mercury retrograde is still going strong, and communication errors will be made. It usually starts with bad listening habits and inattentiveness. Failures of attention are often first failures of humility. It is hard to listen when we're busy puffing ourselves up, a common reaction to nerves (essentially, a fear response) that's many times at the root of the dynamic. Humility can reduce nervousness because it lowers your expectation of yourself. Give yourself an assist. Get centered and relaxed before you leave the house. Calm states prevent mistakes.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Slow Service

Dear Annie: I live in a retirement community. I have an acquaintance who lives alone. "Betty" frequently gets lost and cannot find her way home.

When mutual friends are discussed, she does not know who we are talking about. Betty has no family members who check on her. We have tried to seek help from Adult Protective Services, but they say this is not their problem and assure us we have no legal authority to do anything.

So, whose problem is it? She refuses to see a doctor. We helped her purchase a cellphone, but she is unable to learn the simplest operations, and she doesn't take it with her when she leaves home.

Her condition is deteriorating, and I fear she is not safe to live alone much longer. Any suggestions? -- Concerned Friend

Dear Friend: You started your letter by calling the woman an "acquaintance" and ended it by calling her a "friend." Good for you. Your kindness and friendship could help prevent a disaster. The Alzheimer's Society has local support groups, and I would suggest checking their website.

Dear Annie: I enjoy going out to eat. Of course, during the past year or so, it has been a rare treat. Lately, our state has opened greater access to dining out.

Recently, I went with my son and husband and was slightly frustrated with the experience. I know restaurants are just getting back into the swing of things, and I realize adjustments might have to be made.

However, it was a test of my last ounce of patience. I felt our table was being ignored. I observed more than one table being seated and served drinks before our server made an appearance at our table. I voiced my frustration to my son, and he thought I was being unreasonable.

Five minutes later, we still had not seen our server. "Be patient," he said. It turned out we had a different server than our surrounding tables did. OK. After another five minutes, my husband finally located our server to ask her to take our drink order. I calculated that we spent 30 minutes waiting for this server to finally realize we were part of her table array.

Am I being difficult for wanting the same amount of service that the other restaurant patrons were receiving? -- Just Want the Same Service

Dear Same Service: It sounds as if you just had a new or inexperienced server at your table. Everyone starts with a difference experience level when beginning a new job. Yes, you probably should be a little more patient. However, it is understandable that when you go out to eat, you would like the same service as everyone else.

Maybe you should talk with the management of the restaurant and let them know that it took a very long time to be served. Don't do it in a combative way. Instead, try to help the restaurant out by making them aware of a shortcoming they can fix, especially after all the hardships restaurants have endured during the pandemic. But 30 minutes of waiting to be served is way too long a time in any restaurant.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

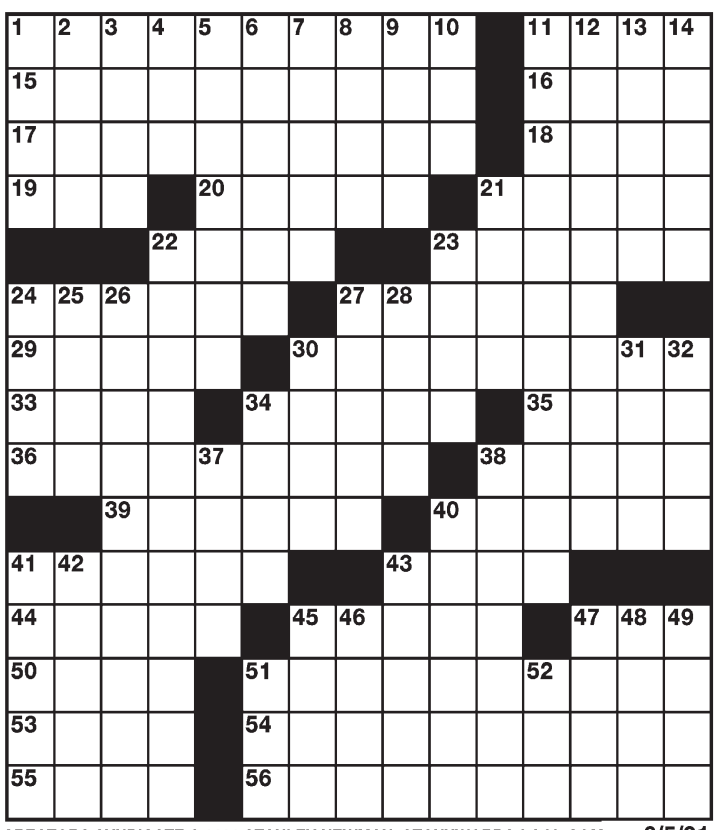
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Newsday Crossword

THEMELESS SATURDAY by Stella Zawistowski
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ACROSS
1 It'll let you in
11 Pro group, for short
15 Practice delayed infuriation
16 French roast
17 Pull the strings of
18 Exasperated cry
19 They can take you to O'Hare
20 Venerable brew brand
21 A question of place
22 Pro __
23 *Bibliothèque* stock
24 Satellite that fell in '89
27 Stable state
29 Pop star from Tottenham
30 Spa cycling
33 Biofuel source
34 Its coat of arms has a moose and a pine
35 Bash in some Elvis films
36 They're extra
38 What Pixar followed up with *Up*
39 One way to run
40 Equestrian accouterment
41 Big name in the oil business
43 Far from a decision
44 Signals dropped
45 Helps with fencing, say
47 Just over five shots
50 Sainted princess of Kiev
51 Angular abode
53 Zoom, perhaps
54 Typical Old Master
55 Word from the Greek for "hearth"
56 Recycled paper from long ago

DOWN
1 Ne plus ultra
2 Seam stuff
3 Disagreeable guy
4 Balance specialist
5 Process starter
6 Minimal DNA
7 Package deal
8 Moving walkway maker
9 Reason for a dryer discount
10 Ultimate bit
11 Marvel antagonist
12 Move all around
13 Put away
14 Rightmost part of many prices
21 Where the NFL's smallest city is
22 Destination of some Scandinavian ferries
23 Express, for instance
24 Guy in the NATO alphabet
25 Binged
26 Person in front
27 Caught
28 Spam holders
30 But not
31 Event in a tent
32 Court figure
34 Picasso contemporary
37 Tie __
38 Combat participant
40 Encouraging words
41 Bite hard
42 Poet who inspired Raggedy Ann dolls
43 Conductors' concerns
45 Selection on the *Amadeus* soundtrack
46 What Fido might fetch
47 "Ha-ha, but be serious"
48 What a kitchen unitasker doesn't have
49 Irksomely self-assured
51 Macaroni, as in "Yankee Doodle"
52 Follower or clip or slip



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Answer to previous puzzle

T	O	B	Y		M	A	R	C	U	S		K	E	Y
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RECORDS

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Marriage Licenses

Dominic Keith Ward, 25, and Kyra Marie Deanna, 22, both of Big Spring.
Angelica Ann Rogers, 24, and Corey Dawn Rodriguez, 20, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: In the estate of James M. Murray, deceased
Defendant: —
Type of Case: Civil case - other
Date: June 4, 2021

Plaintiff: Theodore Rios
Defendant: Lisa Rios
Type of Case: Divorce — children
Date: June 7, 2021

Plaintiff: Discover Bank
Defendant: Deborah Barnes
Type of Case: Contract - Consumer/Commercial/Debt
Date: June 7, 2021

Plaintiff: Donald B. Long, Shirley A. Long
Defendant: Bayswater Fund IV-B LPType of Case: Civil case - other
Date: June 4, 2021

Plaintiff: Harvey Gimenez
Defendant: Selene Gimenez
Type of Case: Divorce — no children
Date: June 9, 2021

County Court Rulings

Defendant: Johnny Juarez
Charge: Evading arrest/detention
Sentence: $100 fine, $270 court costs, $60 reimbursement fee, time served
Date: June 8, 2021

Defendant: Jose Ramirez
Charge: Resist arrest/search transport
Sentence: $100 fine, $270 court costs, $50 reimbursement fee, time served
Date: June 8, 2021

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Wendell McInroe as trustee for McInroe Family Trust B
Grantee: Connie R. and Russell Jay Kennedy
Property: Grantor's interest in Lot 8, Blk. 1, Kentwood (Unit No. 1) Addition.
Date: June 1, 2021

Grantor: Toni Mrotz and Monty G. Mrotz
Grantee: Rebecca June Williams
Property: W/10 feet of Lot 26, and E/44 feet of Lot 27, Blk. 1, Hayden Addition
Date: June 1, 2021

Grantor: Jerry Barker and Annabel Barker
Grantee: Paquime Homes LLC
Property: Lot 18, Blk. 3, Village at the Spring, Sec. 1
Date: June 1, 2021

Grantor: Christine Bedwell
Grantee: Jody Griffith
Property: Grantor's interest in a parcel of land in E/2 Sec. 4, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: June 2, 2021

Grantor: HDN Rentals LLC
Grantee: Flora C. Cibrian
Property: Lot 12, Blk. 1, McEwen Addition
Date: June 2, 2021

Grantor: Ray Saldivar Moron
Grantee: Samuel Simon Munoz
Property: A tract in Sec. 22, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: June 3, 2021

Grantor: Jim R. Purcell and Vickie C. Purcell
Grantee: Hardy Wilkerson and Stefanie Wilkerson
Property: A 0.528-acre tract in the north portion of Lot 2, Blk. 1, Mountain Park Addition.
Date: June 4, 2021

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Paquime Homes LLC
Grantee: Justin J. Aguilar and Amber N. Aguilar
Property: Lot 10, Blk. 2, Village at the Spring, Sec. 1
Date: June 1, 2021

Grantor: Eugene Bryant
Grantee: Aron Stanley
Property: Tract 1: A 15.994-acre tract in N/2 Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: A tract in S/2 Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.
Date: June 1, 2021