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Cancellations/ Postponed events:

Big Spring Film Festival Postponed until later date

National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative for April 25

No School for Forsan ISD, Coahoma ISD, Big Spring ISD through March 27

Alive After 5 for March 19 C. Larson

Heritage Museum Annual Meeting March 19

Pints for Polio for March 21

No dates have been set, but will be released as soon as possible.

Big Spring Symphony Fashion Show Fundraiser 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Health Fair for April 4 has been postponed until August 8.

Big Spring strong - Community comes together in times of need

Food2Kids providing extra meals during school shutdown

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

We've brought you many stories about the work that Food2Kids does here in Big Spring and the hundreds of children they feed on the weekends. With school shut down in all of Howard County, the needs of these children are at a critical point. If they aren't in school, how are they getting their weekend meals?

To ensure that children have enough to eat, Food2Kids held a special sacking event on Tuesday, March 17. Raul Marquez with Food2Kids says, "This was a special project to help kids that the Northside Movement is feeding Monday through Friday. We decided that we would provide the weekend meals for those 138 kids they are serving. If the



Courtesy photo
Food2Kids President Pam Steel stands next to the first load of food ready to go out as students across Howard County begin learning from home. Several organizations and businesses in town are stepping up to ensure our community youth are taken care of.

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Naz Academy kids take part in Nazarene Zone Kidfest, receive medals



Courtesy photo
 These are kids from 1st grade all the way to 6th grade who competed last weekend in Lubbock for the Church of the Nazarene Zone KidsFest. Kids competed and received medals in categories of bible quizzing, photography, art, speed math, pine-wood derby, and four square. They competed against kids from other Nazarene churches in the West Texas District which includes a span from the Dallas/Fort Worth Area all the way to Borger.

Mayor issues Declaration of Public Health Disaster for City of Big Spring

Editor's Note: Cancellations, closures and adjustments are continuing to be announced. The following are the most recent announcements. If your business is needing to announce special times of operations, closures or cancellations please e-mail the information to editor@bigspringherald.com.

Herald Staff Report

Before close of business Wednesday afternoon, Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason issued a Declaration of Public Health Disaster for the City of Big Spring, Texas. In that Declaration Mayor Thomason encourages the City of Big Spring to adhere to the recommendations that have been suggested by the CDC and the Federal Government, including limiting gathers to 10 people or less, purchasing only what is needed and not hoarding. At this time, the Declaration confirmed, there are no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Big Spring/Howard County.

The Declaration also allows for additional steps to prepare for, respond

to, mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Big Spring.

The community is encouraged to check the US government website for updates regarding coronavirus at <https://www.coronavirus.gov/> for official information on the virus.

The full Declaration can be found on the Big Spring Herald Facebook page or the City of Big Spring information page, as well as the City of Big Spring website.

In response to the Declaration issued by the Mayor of Big Spring, the local YMCA has closed beginning today through April 2. Other events and facility changes throughout the city include:

BSPD National Drug Take Back Initiative

The Big Spring Police Department Narcotics Division has received notification from the Drug Enforcement Administration concerning the National Drug Take Back Initiative (NTBI) and

have been informed that the NTBI event scheduled for April 25th 2020 has been postponed in hopes of re-scheduling at a later date. We understand that the public relies on these programs for the opportunity to surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances, dangerous drugs and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction and we ask our citizens to continue to monitor our Facebook page as well as local media on when or if this event can be re-scheduled. At this time we expect the October NTBI event to be scheduled as normal. In the event we foresee an extended period of time of not providing our citizens the opportunity to safely dispose of the unwanted medication, the Big Spring Police Department will look into alternative methods of disposition.

City of Big Spring Facility Rentals

The City of Big Spring will be

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Obituaries

Edith June Nichols



Edith June Nichols, 86, of Knott, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Friday, March 20, 2020, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Stan Blevins officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 5, 1933, in Vealmoor, to John S. Jackson and Connie Hanks Jackson. She moved to Socorro, NM as an infant. She moved to various locations before settling in Vealmoor where they farmed. She married Robert Nichols, Dec. 31, 1949, in Big Spring.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and cooking. She loved attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events, and

watching professional basketball and tennis. She was an avid domino and card player.

She is survived by her son, Keith Nichols and wife, Gwen of Ackerly; her daughter, Ann Nichols, of Big Spring; her son, Martin Nichols and wife, Lesli of Knott; thirteen grandchildren; twenty six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; son, Bruce Nichols; daughter, Janette Brown; grandson, Austin Nichols; brother, Billy Wayne Jackson; and two sisters, Thelma Williams and Joy Collins Smith.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Beehive Homes for their excellent care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Circle Six Baptist Camp, P.O. Box 976, Stanton, TX, 79782, or the charity of your choice.

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

Paid Obituary

Curtis Thompson



Curtis Thompson, 60, of Big Spring died Feb. 28, 2020. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 602 Teagarden Road in Gulfport, Miss.

Curtis was born Nov. 12, 1959, to Hattie Mae Thompson and Oscar Thompson in Gulfport, Mississippi.

In addition to his parents, Curtis was preceded in death by one brother, Emanuel Thompson.

Curtis is survived by one son, Curtis Emanuel Thompson III; two siblings, Oscar Wade Thompson and Wanda Denise Thompson; and several nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins.

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

Charles "Chuck" Ogle



Charles "Chuck" Ogle, 73, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 14, 2020. Private family services at a later date.

Chuck was born June 14, 1946, in Ryan, Okla., to Edwina and Jack Ogle. He was a 100 percent disabled veteran of the U. S. Army, having served in Vietnam.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Jo Ogle of Greenwood; one son, Charley Ogle; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Chuck was preceded in death by one son, Jason Ogle; one brother; and one sister.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 97 inmates at the time of this report.

• **TOMMY LOPEZ BERNAL**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear- possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams), bail jumping and failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, expired registration, no license plates on a trailer, failure to change name or address within 30 days.

• **ERIKA NICOLE HILARIO**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a

charge of noise.

• **REBEKAH DANAE KNAPP**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 3 (less than 28 grams), theft of property (less than \$100-shoplifting), fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, and warrants for two counts of unauthorized use of a vehicle, and credit or debit card abuse.

• **JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of noise.

• **RICHARD LEONARD MOYA**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, and assault family violence.

• **EVERETT LEE PARTON**,

55, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

• **JOHN PAUL RAMIREZ**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• **KYLE LEE SIMMONS**, 27, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **HARLEY R. TAFF**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on charges of resisting arrest search or transport, and aggravated assault against a public servant.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of N. Scurry St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. No transport was required.

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

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Bell St. No transport was required.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2000 block of the N. Service Road. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 1200 block of N. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Crestline. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Big Spring ISD will be providing sack meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being handed out, which will be Moss, Marcy and Big Spring Junior High School. At both March and Moss, pick up will be in the bus lane behind the campus. At BSJH, pick up can be made at Door #5 on the east side of campus.

• Coahoma ISD will provide take-

home lunches to all students while the campuses are closed. Students can pick up a lunch at the back door of the cafeteria, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Forsan ISD will be providing sack meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals are available at the following three locations: Forsan Elementary at the south entrance of the building, Special Education 87-20 Coop, or "The Pad". Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtc-mhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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following CDC guidelines concerning COVID-19 and will be closing all city owned rentable facilities until at least April 20.

The included facilities are: Dora Roberts Community Center, Municipal Auditorium, Comanche Trail Amphitheater, Roy Anderson Sports Complex, and various Park Pavilions. Furthermore, the CPR class that the City of Big Spring was hosting for the public has been postponed. The date of closure has the possibility to extend. If you have rented a facility you will be contacted by City Staff. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

For any questions or concerns please contact the City Managers Office at 432-264-2401.

Big Spring Film Festival

The Big Spring Film Festival has decided to postpone the event to a later date. Please follow their Facebook page or go to their website for more information. <http://bsfilmfest.com>

Cars, Stars, and Handlebars

Cars, Stars and Handlebars has been postponed. Tickets that have already been purchased will be rolled over to the new scheduled date. Please follow their Facebook page for more information.

Howard College Rodeo

The Howard College Rodeo has been cancelled.

Porters

At all Porter's locations have begun shorter operating hours temporarily. New hours will be implemented to give team members time to clean the stores and stock our trucks more efficiently. New hours will be 9 a.m. to 8 a.m. everyday. A special Senior hour will take place from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Yellow Rose Cafe

The Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be closed beginning March 19 (Thursday). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will keep you posted via the Facebook page, newspaper and radio.

City of Big Spring Water Office

For the safety of the public and our employees, the Water Office (501 Runnels) will be temporarily closed due to a roof leak in the building. Utility payments can be made online or via the automated phone system by calling 833-227-1752. Other issues, or payment with an actual person, can be handled over the phone by calling 432-264-2320. *Please note this is not the normal water office phone number. If you are handicapped and cannot leave your car, or can only pay with cash, please call 264-2320 or 264-2319.

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com and type "Pay My Bill" in the search bar at the top right of the page.

Howard County Commissioners Court

A press release was issued by Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman's office stating that a temporary link will be used to live stream the Howard County Commissioner Court's meetings. The meetings can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech-110733893888746/>.

Anyone wishing to ask questions during Commissioners Court will have a chance to do so by sending their question through the "Write a Comment" box at the bottom of the live stream.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the Howard County Judge's office at 432-264-2202.

The link goes in alignment with new restrictions and screening processes that will be implemented at the Howard County Courthouse beginning March 23, which will effect the following offices: Howard County Courthouse, Howard County Annex building, 118th District Courthouse and Howard County Library. All needing to enter the Courthouse will need to do so through the west side door (off of Scurry Street).

The Big Spring Herald will continue to update as we receive word on closures, adjusted hours, CDC recommendations and more. Remember to adhere to the no more than 10 in a gathering, wash your hands, and share how you are promoting #socialdistancing during this time.

FOOD

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school continues to be shut down, we will continue to provide these meals for the weekends."

These bags were sacked in addition to what Food2Kids does on a monthly basis. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the April sacking event, which is currently scheduled for April 6 and 7, may have to be postponed. Follow Food2Kids on Facebook, or watch the Herald for news about all cancellations and postponed events in our area.

Pam Steele, Food2Kids President says, "Food 2 Kids is working with Big Spring ISD to distribute our Food 2 Kids weekend sacks to the children in need. As we reassess the circumstances each week we will keep the community informed about any needs that we may have as far as needing sacking volunteers or donations."

In addition to support provided by Food2Kids, each of the area schools - Forsan, Coahoma and Big Spring - are doing their part to ensure students are able to have breakfast and lunch while learning from home is taking place.

Ryan Hall, located on the North Side at 605 N. Main, is also feeding students for free Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meals can be picked up for no charge; those who want to donate and support the cause can donate food items, monetary donations or volunteer some time.

Other local restaurants providing food for our students and/or specials for to go orders, at a reduced rate or free include Cowboys Steakhouse, The Mayo Sauce Family Diner, and TJ's Pub and Grub.

Al's and Son's Bar-B-Q offered free rolls of toilet paper for those in need to help people get through the shortage that is taking place at area stores.

If you would like to offer support contact any of these local organizations and businesses to see how you can support them. If you are a local business owner offering a hand up during this time, let us know and we will help share that information as well.

Big Spring is coming together as we learn to deal with new information coming out daily; reminder, social distancing is one way we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and don't forget to wash your hands!

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Weather



Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. West wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph.

Friday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 38. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

Stage Stores announces adjusted store hours

HOUSTON (March 18, 2020) – The safety and health of our guests, associates and store communities are our top priority.

To better support our associates, serve our customers and slow the spread of COVID-19, Stage Stores and our family of brands (Gordmans, Bealls, Goodys, Palais Royal, Peebles, and Stage) have adjusted our store operating hours. Until further notice, our reduced store hours are as follows:

· Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm
· Sunday 12pm-6pm

Additionally, in compliance with local government orders to shut down all non-essential

businesses, as well as other location-based factors, select stores are temporarily closed and will not re-open until circumstances improve.

Our new store openings continued as planned yesterday, March 17, however new store openings planned for March 31 have been postponed. Events planned in conjunction with store openings, such as ribbon cutting ceremonies, have been cancelled.

In addition to our new store hours, we are taking the following actions to help keep our guests and associates healthy:

· Increasing the fre-

quency of store cleanings, paying special attention to frequently touched objects and surfaces such as register counters, shopping carts, door handles, restrooms, etc.;

· Reminding our associates of their training on illness prevention;

· Advising all employees to stay home if they are not feeling well, or if circumstances might advise them to do so, to seek medical attention if they have symptoms.

We also encourage our guests everywhere to take the extra precautions necessary to safeguard their health and the health of others. We will continue to monitor the situation closely,

and work with public health authorities as required.

We will keep you informed if our approach changes and will continue to post updates on stage.com and gordmans.com.

We look forward to serving guests in our stores.

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Charles Ogle, 73, of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 14, 2020. Private family services at a later date.

William Cason, 95, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arthur Jackson died Friday, March 6, 2020. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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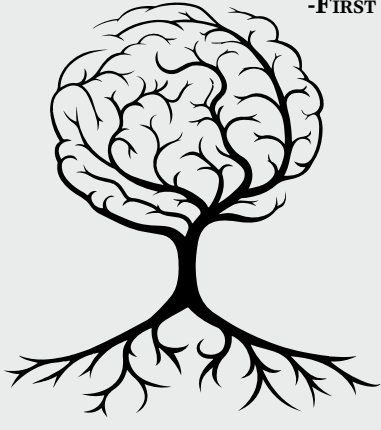
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Opinion

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

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Home Country: Double feature

Marjorie Pincus looked out the front window at her husband, Marvin, and smiled. No matter how old he gets, she thought, he'll always be the boy I remember, riding his bicycle through this town so many years ago.

Marvin had stopped picking out the nutgrass and was watching a small group of children across the street in the park. Two of them had kites, and the brisk wind of morning had them both up as high as string would allow.

Soon, Marvin had ambled across the street and was standing behind the children, watching the taut dip in the string and listening to the rattle of the tight paper.

The first time Marvin Pincus flew a kite in this park, airplanes didn't go very far or very fast. The other side of the moon was a mystery in those days, and no one really thought man would ever go there and back. Not really.

And here these kids are, flying their kites the very same way, with the very same rag tails, and looking up at the earth-tied fliers climbing with the gusts and settling with the relaxation of the breezes.

Marjorie watched from across the street as the Herrera boy walked over to Marvin, whispering something as Marvin leaned

down to hear, and then handed the stick with the kite string tied to it to the old man. His face beamed as he controlled flight once again. The kids smiled, too, probably not realizing kite flying was the same when Mr. Pincus was a kid, too.

But what about the dreams? Marjorie thought about this. What goes through the minds of today's kite fliers who know what the surface of Mars looks like, who know what the far side of the moon looks like, who know there are human beings in a space station, living up there, right now? What will their dreams be as the kites dance?

What dreams will dance now as they stand there and hold the miracle of flight in their fingers?



SLIM RANGLES

Well, it's March again ... the windy month. And here in Home Country we have our very own variety that blows in to have coffee with us every now and then. Windy Wilson, of course.

His takes on the human condition, and history, and darn near everything else lack only accuracy. The entertainment and color are always there, and we're always glad to see the old camp cook and cowboy.

"Boys," said Windy, "I guess you all figured out what's comin' up here real soon. Yessir, it's the Ideas of March. Comes ever March 15, and it's an annual versary of the snuffin' out of one a-them famous Romans. Julius Caesar. The boys at the farm took turns stabbin' him 'til he stopped

givin' speeches.

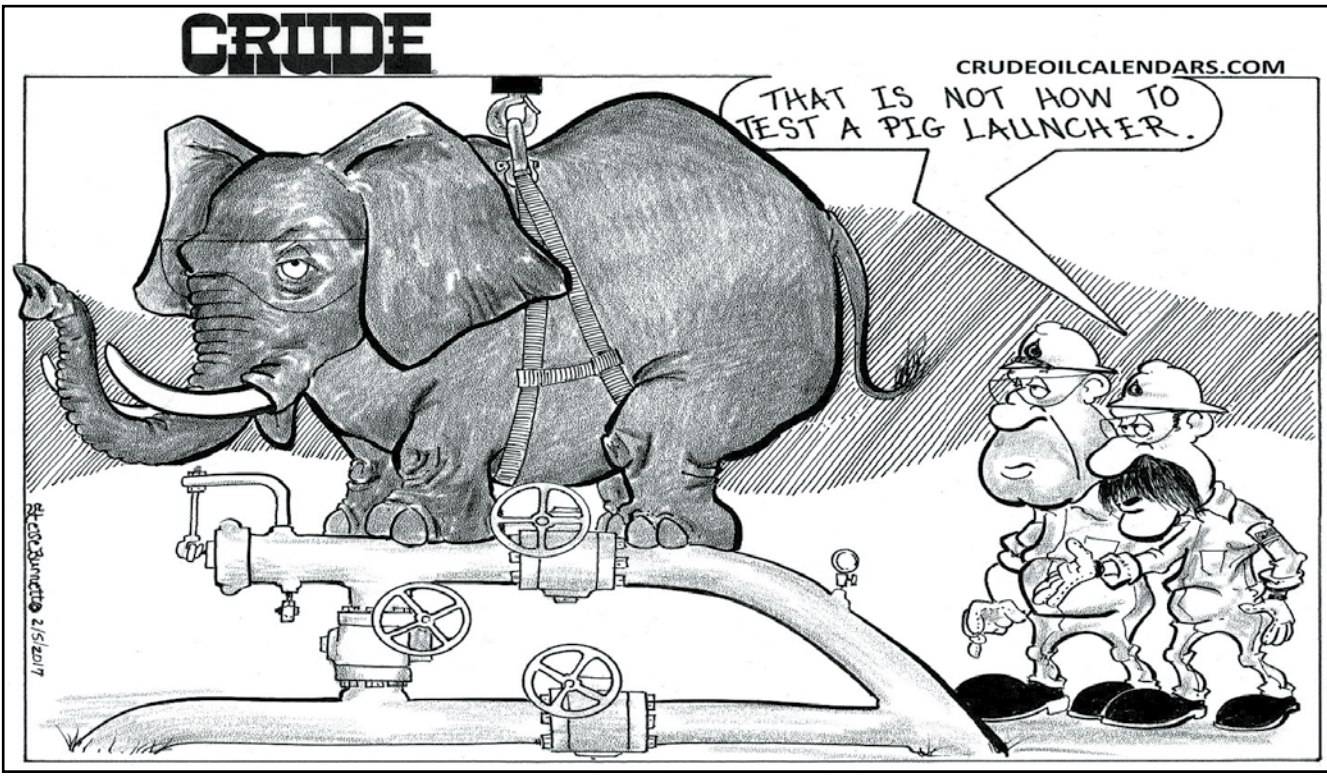
"But the good part about them Ideas of March is, you ain't got to do nothin' about it. You don't have to sing songs or gather 'round the campfire or buy presents fer yer brother or nothin'. I mean, you can jest sit back on yer own sacrolibrums and conjugate adverbs or watch teevee and pick scabs off the neighbor's dog.

"Now this was them days when Roman guys was a-runnin' all over conquerin' stuff 'cuz they already had their irrigation ditches in and had planted the alfalfa. And ol' Julius Caesar, well he got real famous for bein' the head conquerer. To this day, he was so famous his face is on gold coins in old dead boats on the bottom of the ocean. And a-course, you know they named a food after him. Yes they did. Thass right.

We all heard of Orange Julius. Boy if I had a orange drink named for me, I b'lieve I'd open a coffee shop and call it the "Et tu Buffet.

"And you can tell 'em I said so."

Brought to you by Ol' Jimmy Dollar, Slim's children's book about a happy hounddog man and his "kids." See it at riogrande-books.com. To contact Slim Randles, mail correspondence to 7308 Painted Pony Trail NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 or e-mail homecountry8@gmail.com. Let us know if you have questions, or too many fish in the lake, or deer that are threatening to eat Cleveland. We're a helpful, full-service kind of outfit, you see.



The Postscript: Smelling like dog

It's a very gray day. Today is exactly the sort of day I am most grateful for dogs.

Walking in my neighborhood, everyone feels the need to share the latest dire news. Meeting in the street, we almost feel irresponsible if we don't express our concern and our dismay and our confusion. The people with dogs, however, have it easy.

Because dogs don't care.

Nearly every day, I encounter dogs. There is Graham, the black lab, who is supposedly being trained as a service dog. Graham does not appear to have acquired a service mentality quite yet. He is far more interested in finding bits of disgusting animal remains and running around with bones in his mouth.

There is Teddy, an all-white malamute. He is terrified of my hiking poles and starts to make noises that sound like singing whenever I approach.

But lately, the dog I get the biggest kick out of is Snoopy, a sixty-pound plus Bernese Mountain Dog. Snoopy is only four months old. His owner, Monica, a slim woman with an Eastern European accent is trying to teach Snoopy manners. Snoopy might

be learning—but he is not learning nearly as fast as he is growing.

I learned Snoopy's name the first time we met and now, when I see him coming in the distance, I holler, "Hey! Snoopy!" Snoopy stops dead in his tracks. He looks up. He recognizes me. Then he begins to run, his oversized front

paws pounding the pavement in unison, dragging poor Monica behind him. (I always realize I shouldn't have done that the moment after I do.)

Poor Monica arrives breathless and Snoopy does all the things you'd expect a four-month-old puppy to do—but in a sixty-pound plus package. It is exhausting and exciting and totally delightful.

The bad news for Monica is that Snoopy will be 120 pounds before he's done growing and he will still be a puppy. Monica can train him every day for the next year, but he will still totally lose it at regular intervals. I pity Monica. And I envy her.

Because, when you are walking Snoopy, there's nothing else you can do. You can't worry too much about the economy or even the pandemic when you have sixty pounds of slobbering enthusiasm on your hands.

No one is at a loss for words

when they meet Monica and Snoopy. Everyone says, "Hey! Snoopy!" Because dogs don't care.

Dogs are living in this moment, excited about the person in front of them, smelling whatever is in the air at that moment. Worries about tomorrow don't exist for Snoopy.

I know I can't live like Snoopy. I know there is a lot more I have to think about—a lot more I am responsible for. But right now, more than ever, I wish I had a dog. Because, no matter what happens, a dog needs a walk. A dog needs to be talked to and petted and cared for.

A dog keeps us tethered in the here and now and reminds us that we are living in this moment, and that every moment in the future is imaginary.

I reluctantly say goodbye to Snoopy and Monica. "You have friends, Snoopy!" Monica tells her giant puppy as they walk away. I try to remember what I was thinking about before I saw Snoopy, and the thought is gone. It will return, I am sure. But right now, I notice how deeply blue the sky is, how signs of green are starting to appear, and how my hands are smelling like dog.

*Till next time,
Carrie*

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

DAILY PRAYER

*May we trust in You, Lord,
and what You have to offer.
Amen*

BSCSC residents staying busy with arts and crafts



Courtesy photo
Big Spring Center for Skilled Care Activities Director, Heidi Huntley, hasn't let the safeguards slow her down. If she can't bring residents to activities, then she is bringing the activities to the residents.

Stocks, oil sink again as recession fears batter markets

Special to the Herald

NEW YORK (AP) — The vicious swings keep coming for the stock market, and the S&P 500 sank 4% in morning trading Wednesday to erase much of the prior day's big gain.

Markets have been incredibly volatile for weeks as Wall Street and the White House acknowledged an increasing risk of a recession due to the coronavirus outbreak. The typical day this month has seen the stock market swing up or down by 4.9%. Over the last decade, the median move was just 0.4%.

The selling pressure swept markets around the world. Benchmark U.S. oil fell roughly 10% and dropped below \$25 per barrel for the first time since 2002. European stock indexes lost 4% following broad losses in Asia. Even prices for longer-term U.S. Treasuries, which are seen as some of the safest possible investments, fell as investors flocked to the very shortest-term Treasury debt.

The S&P 500, which dictates how 401(k) accounts perform much more

than the Dow, is down 28% from its record set last month.

It was just a day ago that the S&P 500 surged 6% after President Donald Trump said he's "going big" in plans to aid an economy that's increasingly shutting down by the day. The program could approach \$1 trillion, and it would follow a spate of emergency actions by the Federal Reserve and other central banks to get financial markets running more smoothly.

Despite all that, investors are struggling with how much to pay for anything — stocks, bonds, oil — when it's so uncertain how badly the economy is getting hit, how much profit companies will make and how many companies may go into bankruptcy due to a cash crunch.

"These are truly unprecedented events with no adequate historical example with which to precisely anchor our forecast," Deutsche Bank economists wrote in a report Wednesday.

With all the uncertainty and early evidence that China's economy was hit much harder by the virus than earlier thought, they now see "a se-

vere global recession occurring in the first half of 2020."

But they also are still forecasting a relatively quick rebound, with activity beginning to bounce back in the second half of this year in part because of all the aid promised from central banks and governments.

Investors say they need to see the number of infections slow before markets can find a bottom. The number of new cases reported in China, where the virus emerged in December, is declining but infections in the United States, Europe and elsewhere are increasing.

The number of infections has topped 200,000 worldwide, and the virus has killed more than 8,000.

For most people, the coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, and those with mild illness recover in about two weeks. Severe illness including pneumonia can occur, especially in the elderly and people with existing health problems, and recovery could take six weeks in such cases.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 950 points, or 4.5%, as of 10:30 a.m. Eastern time, after being down as many as 1,365 shortly after trading began. If it crosses back over the 1,000 threshold — which is not a big if given how steep swings have been within the same day — it would be the eighth straight day the Dow has moved by that much.

All the uncertainty has pushed many people toward safety. Last month, investors pulled \$17.5 billion out of stock mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, even though stocks set all-time highs in the middle of the month. Money-market funds, meanwhile, drew \$25.5 billion, according to Morningstar.

That was all before the market's sell-off accelerated this month, as broad swaths of the economy shut down in hopes of better containing the outbreak. Restaurants have closed to dine-in customers, planes are parked and sports arenas have been dimmed. Goldman Sachs strategists describe this month as "March Sadness."

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar issues statement on sales tax deadlines and Coronavirus pandemic

AUSTIN — As the March 20 monthly sales tax due date approaches, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds businesses to use the agency's online tools for tax filing and payment.

"We are committed to the health and safety of taxpayers, members of the community, agency employees and businesses throughout the state," Hegar said. "For that reason, we're urging businesses to make use of the agency's online tools to meet the March 20 deadline and remit taxes collected from Texans in February and held 'in trust' until now."

A suite of online tools to facilitate filing and on-time payment of taxes can be found on the agency's website, and a quick reference site has been set up in response to the COVID-19 emergency. For taxpayers who must visit Comptroller field offices, protocols have been put in place to ensure proper social distancing and protect the safety of both taxpayers and Comptroller employees.

For monthly filers, taxes collected in February must be remitted to this agency by March 20. The agency will in turn remit local sales taxes back to local communities who rely on that revenue to provide day-to-day and emergency services to local residents.

"I know this will be difficult for many businesses,

especially small businesses, that are facing a severe downturn in customer activity," Hegar said. "These dollars, however, represent money collected from individual Texans, and Texans expect those dollars to be available to provide emergency health care and support other emergency operations during this difficult time."

"My office is charged with allocating local dollars back to communities fighting on the frontlines of this outbreak. They rely heavily on these dollars to operate hospitals, police, fire and other emergency services. I'm extremely sympathetic to our small businesses struggling through this pandemic, but I ask our partners in the business community to make a good-faith effort to pay taxes held in trust from before the outbreak began impacting their operations."

"This is a complex and rapidly evolving situation. Many of our fellow Texans are facing devastating economic conditions as bars, restaurants, retail outlets and other businesses make difficult staffing decisions. The economic impacts are currently the most visible, but a more pressing concern is simmering behind the economic concerns. A looming health emergency may strain our abilities to provide adequate care and emergency services to our fellow Texans. We must pull together to ensure we

can meet the needs we will inevitably face. As part of that pulling together, I ask businesses to remit the taxes they collected from Texans by the established due date.

"We will examine each tax due date as it approaches, and I will keep lawmakers and all stakeholders informed as the agency evaluates rapidly changing conditions."

Taxpayers are strongly encouraged to use online



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TxDOT taking COVID-19 action to keep employees and public safe during this time

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — TxDOT is acting to help reduce the risk of COVID-19. On Friday and over the weekend the department took several steps to protect the public and TxDOT employees. At the same time, TxDOT remains committed to delivering services to its customers all over the Lone Star State.

Given the recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to cancel gatherings of 50 or more people and the request from President Donald Trump to avoid gatherings larger than 10 people, TxDOT is postponing or canceling its in-person public hearings and gatherings through April 3. That date is subject to change. This excludes the Texas Transportation Commission meeting on March 26, 2020, which will be addressed separately. When possible TxDOT will look to offer virtual participation strategies for public input.

Work on projects to improve our transportation system continues, as does TxDOT's ongoing work to maintain and operate our state's transportation system, to include ferry operations.

TxDOT has closed the lobbies of its 12 Travel Information Centers until further notice to help combat the threat of COVID-19. Outside restrooms will remain available at all times and will be regularly cleaned between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The safety rest areas on highways throughout the state remain open. These provide important rest stops for drivers.

Travelers can also still speak with our center counselors about road conditions or travel information between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Anyone can call 1-800-452-9292 or visit drivetexas.org to obtain road condition information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

As awareness is key, on Saturday, March 14, TxDOT began sharing safety messages on its digital highway signs throughout the state. These messages include, "Give Xtra Space, With Each Other, And On The Road" and "Hands Clean, 2 Beat Co-

vid-19, Be on TX Team." These are short, easy to read messages to help reinforce the importance of preventing the spread of the virus.

In conjunction with Texas Governor Greg Abbott's disaster declaration related to COVID-19, TxDOT is also requiring its office-based employees to telework beginning March 16.

Teleworking has been an option for TxDOT office-based employees for several years now, and with this temporary new directive, TxDOT will continue serving the state's transportation needs. TxDOT's number one priority is always safety, and the agency is in constant contact with state health and emergency management officials to do its part during this global health situation.

Visit the COVID-19 website of the Texas Department of State Health Services at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/> for the most up to date information and guidance from state health officials.



League of Women Voters of Texas urges Governor Abbott: Act quickly to preserve Texas elections

AUSTIN - The COVID-19 virus response is rapidly shutting down almost every aspect of public life for the near-term future. The League of Women Voters of Texas urges Governor Abbott to act quickly to preserve Texas elections. Local Elections are scheduled for April and the Primary Run-off Elections are scheduled for May.

"We have reached out to Governor Abbott and Secretary of State Hughes, as well as the members of the Texas Senate State Affairs and House Elections Committees, to propose steps to ensure the health and safety of Texas voters during the election process," stated Grace Chimene, League of Women Voters of Texas president and retired nurse practitioner.

The CDC already has a comprehensive game plan to conduct elections safely to avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Election equipment manufacturers have contributed to the plan for keeping equipment safe and avoiding any interference in operations. Secretary of State Hughes has also shared guidelines, and is consulting with other state agencies to mitigate impacts on voting in the upcoming multiple elections.

In addition to offering safe physical polling places, the League suggests a number of actions to lessen the impact on individuals.

The League of Women Voters of Texas strongly urges Governor Abbott and Secretary of State Hughes to commit quickly to take the following actions:

Strongly promote Ballot-by-Mail for any individual 65 or older, and all eligible citizens with disabilities that qualify them for a mail-in ballot. Election Code, Section 82.002 appears to permit a broad definition of disabilities, to include those most vulnerable to the virus.

Promote early voting to lessen crowds and long lines on Election Day.

Promote county expansion of the number of trained poll workers and election judges to cover absences, and therefore prevent closure of polling places. A creative statewide campaign to encourage individuals to respond to this need would be invaluable.

Work closely with the Governor's Office to assure availability of needed hygiene supplies to counties for conducting the election. Polling place hygiene is especially critical.

Provide leadership to heavily promote voter registration by mail, and implement quickly-available voter registration through the State's Texas.gov portal in this emergency.

Collaborate closely with local election officials statewide to provide up-to-date polling site location information online and commit to posting any polling place changes on the SOS public-facing website VoteTexas.gov within 3 hours of those changes.

Emphasize the need for accurate polling place wait time web postings on Election Day.

"It is the mission of the League to 'Empower Voters and Defend Democracy'" said Chimene. "We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate, even during this community health crisis."

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Forsan ISD begins handing out school work packets for at-home-learning



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Wednesday morning Forsan Elementary parents began picking up school work packets as at-home learning begins for area schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers around the county are working hard to ensure students are staying caught up and learning while we get through this new way of learning.

Texas Home School Coalition responds to public school closures

LUBBOCK, TEXAS - With hundreds of school districts across Texas closing their doors indefinitely after spring break, the Texas Home School Coalition (THSC) is prepared to serve families in this time of crisis. THSC has served hundreds of thousands of homeschoolers in Texas for more than 30 years.

Homeschool families in Texas and the United States have paved the way

for decades for families to be able to teach their children from home. Families finding themselves homeschooling by surprise during the COVID-19 crisis have a vast supply of resources and strong community support that they can access.

Tim Lambert, THSC President, is available for interviews about how families can begin homeschooling during the coronavirus pandemic.



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Coahoma baseball looking forward to season restart

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Chris Arista is in his first year as Head Coach of the Coahoma Bulldogs (7-1-1) baseball team. He has an experienced group of players filling his roster that were playing well prior to the suspension of the season. In his first season, he could not have imagined this is what would happen a few days before the start of district play.

"We're handling it the best we can and just following the directions of UIL," Arista said. "We were supposed to have started our district games today against Jim Ned but the situation put us back."

With the start of the district schedule being delayed, it has forced the Coahoma players and coaching staff into a never-before-seen situation. The squad is not allowed to hold team practices and therefore must stay sharp on their own time.

Arista believes with the experienced group that he has at his disposal that staying active and on point should not be a problem. The leadership of longtime varsity players Gaige Hill and Zack Schneider should ease the transition back to the diamond for the Bulldogs.

"What I've been most impressed with is them coming together as a close group," Arista said. "We have a different culture and you can tell this is a close group and they were playing really well together."

Hill lines up at catcher for the Bulldogs and had a breakout performance at the Post Tournament. The senior took care of business at the plate during that weekend in his 11 at-bats. Hill recorded eight hits and 10 runs batted in while leading his team to an outstanding performance (3-0-1) during an early-season weekend competition.

In the other early-season Hawley/Anson tournament, Hill had four more hits and an addition three runs batted in. The backstop also crossed home plate for two runs scored.

In addition to Hill, Ky Kemper and Avry Burgans are also having stellar starts to the season.

Kemper went 5-for-9 during the Post Tournament with with an eye-popping nine runs batted in and seven runs scored. The shortstop/pitcher followed up that strong performance at the Anson Tournament by going 5-for-9 with two runs batted in and four runs scored. The speedy infielder also stole four bases across both tournaments.

Burgans is the Bulldogs utility player who has the ability to line up all across the outfield. He has also put together a great first month of the season. Burgans went a combined 11-for-15 across both tournaments with six runs batted in and eight runs scored.

Arista never needs to question if his star players are going to show up to play on game day.

"I know for a fact that these guys are ready to go out here and they're hungry and ready to play," Arista said.

This core group of players will need to be ready for whenever the next pitch can be thrown. Arista has no doubt in his mind that his players will have no problem knocking off the rust. With the entire region, and state, suspended athletic competition, the Bulldogs will be in the same boat as every other team. With that being said, there will be no room for excuses if Coahoma starts out the remainder of their season slow.

With the Coahoma Bulldogs that will not be a problem.

"They're hungry and they're ready to go out and compete again whenever that happens and just try to make the most out of the situation," Arista said.

Whenever the baseball is allowed to be put back in play, the Bulldogs will be ready.

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A look at the status of Olympic qualifying events

By The Associated Press undefined

As the IOC attempts to keep the 2020 Olympics on schedule, many of the events that determine who would compete in Tokyo have been postponed or canceled.

Here is the status of U.S. or world qualifying in many of the Olympic disciplines:

ATHLETICS

The U.S. Olympic track and field trials are still scheduled for June 19-28 in Eugene, Oregon. Other countries use a variety of methods, including trials, world rankings, and appointment based on results.

BASEBALL

Four countries — Israel, Mexico, South Korea and host Japan — are in the six-team field. The final two spots are to be determined by tournaments that were postponed: An Americas qualifier in Arizona has been indefinitely postponed, and a last-chance qualifying tournament in Taiwan slated for April is now scheduled for June 17-21.

BASKETBALL

Men: Eight teams, including the United States, have already qualified. The remaining spots in the 12-nation field will be determined in four winner-take-all, six-team tournaments scheduled from June 23-28 in Serbia, Canada, Croatia and Lithuania.

Women: The 12-team field was filled in February with four tournaments. Although defending world champion United States and the host Japanese were already guaranteed spots, both finished in position to qualify anyway.

3x3: FIBA has postponed the qualifying tournament scheduled for March 18-22 in India. A second qualifying tournament scheduled for April in Hungary is in limbo. Four women's teams and four men's teams have already qualified for the eight-country fields.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Most Olympic spots are earned over a two-year points race on the international tour. All events have been postponed through the first weekend in May, including most recently March tournaments in Mexico and Australia. Four of the final nine points-rich four- or five-star events have been canceled or postponed, and the final event is scheduled for Rome on June 9-14. The FIVB says it "is in contact with the IOC about potentially revising the beach volleyball qualification system."

BOXING

Two of the four regional Olympic qualification tournaments already have taken place, but the third for European fighters in London was suspended Monday after the third day of its 11-day schedule. The Americas qualifier scheduled for March 26 in Buenos Aires also won't take place, nor will the last-chance World Olympic Qualifying Tournament scheduled for May 13 in Paris. The IOC Boxing Task Force is still working on a plan for replacing the qualification events, but it intends to award the remaining Olympic spots in May and June.

CYCLING

The selection criteria is different for each discipline: BMX freestyle and racing, mountain biking, track cycling, and the road race and time trials. Each discipline has a series of automatic qualification standards, and a committee will choose athletes to fill out the U.S. team. The world champion-

ships May 30-31 in Houston is crucial for BMX, and at this point is still scheduled. The last Olympic qualification event in freestyle BMX, the World Series in Hiroshima April 3-5, has been postponed. Final rosters for each discipline are announced in June.

DIVING

Divers of divers have already qualified based on their performances at last summer's world championships or other major meets over the last eight months. The last big qualifier is the Diving World Cup, set for the new Olympic aquatics venue in Tokyo on April 21-26; FINA is still considering whether to proceed. U.S. divers also must get through the national trials in Indianapolis on June 13-21 to confirm their Olympic spots. No decision has been announced on the Canadian trials scheduled for March 30-April 5 in Toronto.

GOLF

Sixty golfers are determined by the world rankings, two per country with a maximum of four if they are among the top 15. The PGA Tour and European Tour, which offer the most ranking points, have canceled or postponed all events at least through April 12.

GYMNASTICS

The team fields for both men's and women's gymnastics were set at last year's world championships. The remaining individual all-around and single apparatus spots are determined at World Cup events. The International Gymnastics Federation has cancelled an all-around World Cup event in Germany and postponed an apparatus World Cup event in Qatar from March until early June.

ROWING

World Rowing has canceled a European Olympic qualifying regatta that was scheduled for April 27-29 in Varese, Italy, and relocation is being considered. US Rowing said Olympic trials in Sarasota, Florida, from March 16-21 and April 13-18 have been postponed and the organization will not hold a national team event for at least 30 days.

RUGBY SEVENS

The 12-team fields have three spots open — one in the men's and two in the women's — at the final qualifying event scheduled for June. The top four teams in the World Sevens series at the end of 2019 qualified automatically, along with the winners of each regional qualifying tournament. Australia, New Zealand, Britain, the U.S., Canada, Fiji and Kenya have teams in both men's and women's draws, along with host Japan.

SAILING

Many spots in the 10 classes have been clinched. An Asian Olympic qualifier in Abu Dhabi has been postponed until mid-April, and a World Cup Series regatta in Genoa, Italy, that would have been a qualifier for African, Asian and European countries, has been canceled. The IOC has granted World Sailing an extension of the qualification period to June 30.

SOCCER

Men: Fourteen of 16 teams have already qualified. The tournament to produce the two teams from the North and Central American and Caribbean region was scheduled for March 20 to April 1 in Guadalajara, Mexico, but was indefinitely postponed.

Women: Ten of 12 teams have already qualified,

including the reigning World Cup champion United States. China and South Korea were scheduled to play in a two-legged playoff that has been pushed back to early June. Cameroon is set to play Chile in a two-legged playoff in early April but no announcement on those matches has been made.

SOFTBALL

The field for the six-team competition was set in four qualifying tournaments in 2018 and 2019.

SWIMMING

Most Olympic berths will be determined at national trials. The U.S. meet is scheduled for Omaha, Nebraska, on June 21-28; Australia's is scheduled for June 14-19 in Adelaide; Japan's national championship is in Tokyo on April 1-8. The final two events on the TYR Pro Swim Series, a big part of pre-Olympic training, are scheduled for April 16-19 in Mission Viejo, California, and May 6-9 in Indianapolis.

TABLE TENNIS

The U.S. already wrapped up qualifying, with three men and three women earning spots in Tokyo. Qualifying elsewhere was still in progress and scheduled to continue through May. But the International Table Tennis Federation suspended all activities until the end of April and recommended that continental associations follow that decision. An emergency meeting of the ITTF executive committee is scheduled for Monday.

TAEKWONDO

Three of the five continental qualifying tournaments have been held. The Asian qualifier, moved from Wuxi, China, to Amman, Jordan, was rescheduled for June 5-7. The European qualifier, moved from Milan, Italy, to Moscow, has been postponed twice and no new date has been set.

TENNIS

The International Tennis Federation says Olympic eligibility still will be based on the WTA and ATP rankings of June 8, even though more than a month of the tours' schedules in March and April have been scrapped. Requirements related to minimum participation in Fed Cup or Davis Cup remain in place — as does an appeal process for players who do not meet those standards.

VOLLEYBALL

The qualification was completed in January with the 12 teams for both the men's and women's competitions already set.

WATER POLO

Men's and women's qualification tournaments scheduled for this month have been postponed until May. At stake are the final three spots for the 12-team men's field and the last two openings in the 10-team women's competition. The U.S. men and women have already qualified.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Spots are decided by the world ranking. The continental championships next month were meant to be the last gold-level events offering extra qualifying points. However, the European, Asian and African championships have all been postponed along with another gold-level event, junior worlds.

WRESTLING

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

ANSWER:

Annie's Mailbox

Past Stuck in Future

Dear Annie: Why am I in a quandary? Because I have been married most of my adult life, and I feel almost nothing for my partner of 33 years, and I'm sure we are both just going through the motions of the relationship. Don't misunderstand; I care deeply for this person. I just feel unfulfilled, and I can't explain it.

I guess it's complacency on both our parts. She says she loves me, but she had an affair a couple of years ago with her old boyfriend, and even with counseling, I can't seem to put it in the past.

Do you have any suggestions for me? Believe me, I have not been a saint in our marriage, but I have not cheated. -- In a Quandary

Dear In a Quandary: Your quandary is within you, and you have the choice of whether or not to

truly forgive your wife. It sounds like you are -- understandably -- still feeling upset and hurt about her affair. Consider going back into counseling and working through your relationship. As far as feeling unfulfilled by her, fulfillment does not come from another person. It comes from within yourself. Healthy relationships flourish when two fulfilled people come together and accompany each other on this beautiful journey of life.

Dear Annie: My fiance and I have been together for three years, and we have two children together. In addition, each one of us has a child from another partner.

His child is a girl who lives with her mother in another state. We went on vacation in November to visit her as a family -- our two children plus my child from a different relationship. Everything went great, and now there is a vacation planned for next month with his

family to go visit his daughter again. However, the mother of his child is saying I am not allowed to come because she doesn't want me around her daughter. This is because we had a confrontational conversation.

His ex has always tried to come between us, and I feel that this is her way of accomplishing that because she knows I will be very upset over it. I feel that it's not a fair situation. At the same time, if I were to go, I would not be happy about having to be away from two of my children (my child and one of ours). He wants to leave the 3-month-old with me while everyone else is in another state for a week. I have never been away from my children for more than two days, and we have never been in different states.

Am I wrong for feeling that it's not fair that he will be on vacation while the baby and I are left behind? Am I wrong for feeling that I

shouldn't be away from my children, and she shouldn't have control over this situation? -- Left Out

Dear Left Out: I'm never going to tell you that you are wrong for feeling what you feel. Your husband has a relationship with his daughter that is separate from you, and you have to accept that. Instead of looking at this situation as if you are being left out, why not look at it as an opportunity to spend quality time with your two children alone?

Maybe this is a good time for you to bring them with you on a vacation with a friend, or with your parents. Or to just enjoy your children's company. There is something to be said about quality alone time, and that is exactly what your husband is giving you by going on a trip with his daughter.

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

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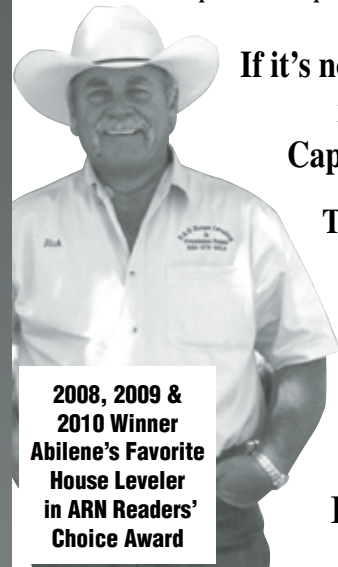
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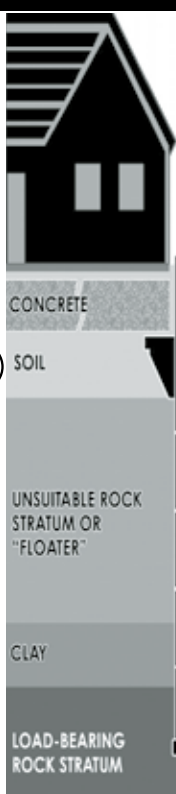
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's not so much what you do, but who you are while you're doing it that matters. Who you feel like you are is not the same thing, but for today's purposes, it's close enough.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Suffering is caused by arguing with reality. It's optional, but if you're going to struggle, it may as well be a fight for something beautiful, like art or poetry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The empirical evidence you gather is neutral and devoid of answers; however, your synthesis of it will be the solution to tough problems. It's not what things are but what they mean that matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be involved in a slow build. This thing is happening moment by moment, day by day, person by person. In time, you'll have the thrill of momentum. Today, you have the steady hum of patience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will do your best work once you get out of your own way. It may help you not to think of yourself as the creator of this. Divest yourself of judgment and allow the generative process to fulfill itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your skillful command of words will



serve your dazzling logic, resulting in feats of leadership that more conventionally powerful people will envy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Clean your input. Television, news feeds, email, direct mail -- it's a barrage. Though there's so much to ignore, you're still being subtly influenced in that fraction of a second before you must decide to ignore it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You live to amuse today, and you'll do so masterfully, mostly because you observe the first rule of entertainment, which is to "read the room." When your message fits the appetites of the group, you're golden.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're creative and analytical. You'll envision possible glorious outcomes and then back up and ask "what if?" so that you might also anticipate the possible obstacles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ralph Waldo Emerson suggested that one sign of success is when you've won "the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children." You'll nail that today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Any role you take on will require you to communicate your ideas, listen well and organize your life so that you are where you need to be when you need to be there and with everything necessary to do the job.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Put in place systems to help you get around a weakness and maximize a strength. Any practice that allays your worries and keeps you organized and confident will free up the time and energy you need to succeed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 19). You're naturally inquisitive in matters of achieving excellence and, because of this, you will turn mediocre entities into works of greatness. You'll take what works and maximize it until you get results that are nothing short of marvelous. Seize a prime opportunity in October. A relationship risk pays off in November. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 37, 2, 22 and 18.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — six of hearts.
There are plays that, on the surface, seem to be unnecessarily fancy, but which, upon closer analysis, turn out to be indisputably correct. For example, consider this deal where West led a heart against three notrump.

Declarer took East's eight with the queen and would have gone down had he tried to establish his clubs. East would have taken the first club with the king and returned a heart, and declarer would then have found

it impossible to make the contract after the clubs failed to break.

But South chose a method of play that assured three notrump regardless of how any of the suits were divided. He started by cashing the A-K of spades, hoping the queen would fall. When it didn't, he continued with a club to dummy's ace, then led the jack of spades and discarded the ace of hearts!

This extraordinary play assured the contract against any lie of the opposing cards. West won the spade with the queen but was helpless. Had he persisted with hearts, he would have provided dummy with a heart entry and given declarer nine tricks consisting of four spades, two hearts, two diamonds and a club.

So West shifted to a low diamond instead, hoping this might do some good — but it didn't. South took East's queen of diamonds with the ace and established an entry to dummy by leading a club to the jack.

East won with the king and returned the ten of diamonds, but declarer put up the king, led a club to dummy's queen and finished with nine tricks consisting of four spades, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs.

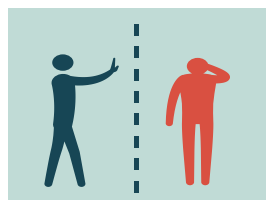
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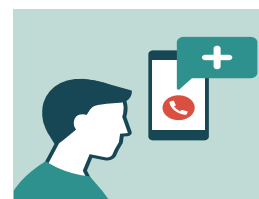
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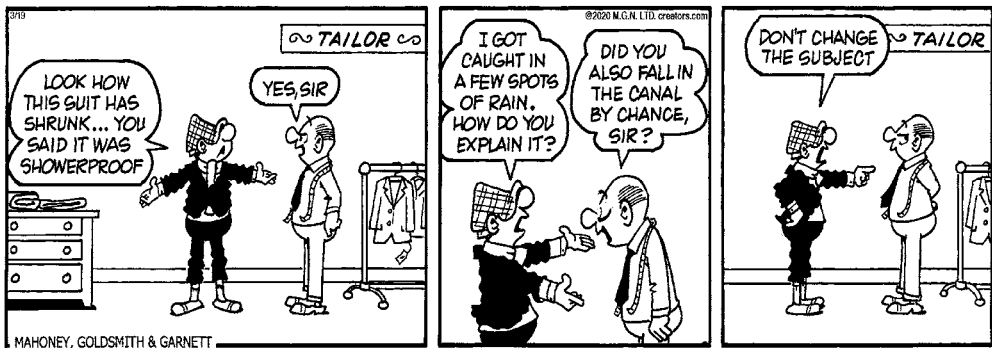
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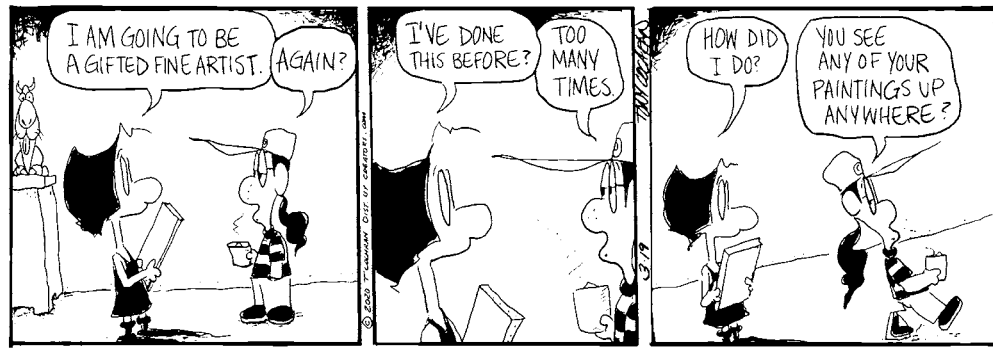
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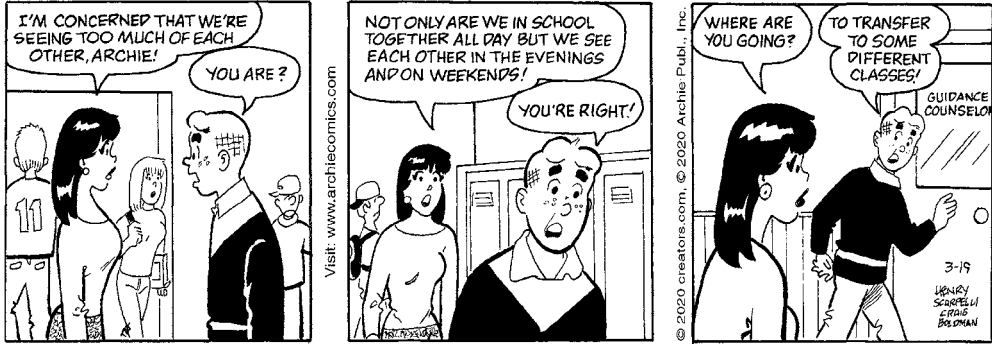
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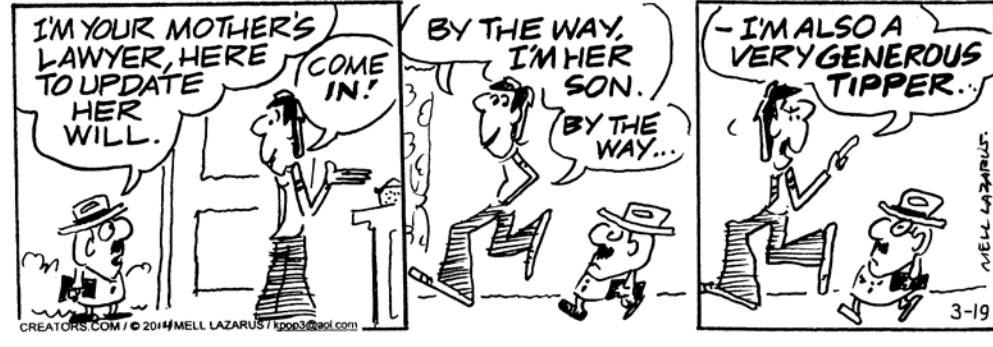
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 19, the 79th day of 2020. There are 287 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 11:50 p.m. EDT, the earliest the vernal equinox has occurred in 124 years.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 19, 1966, the Texas Western Miners defeated the heavily favored Kentucky Wildcats, 72-65, to win the NCAA Championship played in College Park, Maryland; making the contest especially noteworthy was that Texas Western became the first basketball team to start five black players in a national title game as it faced an all-white Kentucky squad.

On this date:

In 1687, French explorer Rene-Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, the first European to navigate the length of the Mississippi River, was murdered by mutineers in present-day Texas.

In 1917, a divided U.S. Supreme Court, in *Wilson v. New*, upheld, 5-4, the eight-hour work day for interstate railroad workers.

In 1931, Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.

In 1945, during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan (the ship was saved). Adolf Hitler ordered the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands in his so-called "Nero Decree," which was largely disregarded.

In 1953, the Academy Awards ceremony was televised for the first time; "The Greatest Show on Earth" was named best picture of 1952.

In 1977, the series finale of "Mary Tyler Moore" aired on CBS-TV, ending the situation comedy's seven-season run.

In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its floor proceedings; the live feed was carried by C-SPAN (Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network), which was making its debut.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

In 1993, Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White announced plans to retire. (White's departure paved the way for Ruth Bader Ginsburg to become the court's second female justice.)

In 2003, President George W. Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

In 2013, Pope Francis officially began his ministry as the 266th pope, receiving the ring symbolizing the papacy and a wool stole exemplifying his role as shepherd of his 1.2-billion strong flock during a Mass at the Vatican.

In 2014, Toyota agreed to pay \$1.2 billion to settle an investigation by the U.S. government, admitting that it had hidden information about defects that caused Toyota and Lexus vehicles to accelerate unexpectedly, resulting in injuries and deaths.

Ten years ago: The White House released an online video of President Barack Obama making a fresh appeal directly to the people of Iran, saying a U.S. offer of diplomatic dialogue still stood, but that the Tehran government had chosen isolation.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama ordered the federal government to cut its greenhouse gas emissions by nearly half over the next decade, driving his climate change agenda forward despite percolating challenges from Republican-led states. Days after winning reelection, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu backtracked from headline campaign statements against the establishment of a Palestinian state in the face of a diplomatic backlash. Lindsey Vonn won the final super-G of the season and with it her 19th crystal globe trophy at the World Cup finals in Meribel, France. Songwriter Michael Brown, 65, who co-wrote the 1966 hit "Walk Away Renee," died in Englewood, New Jersey.

One year ago: President Donald Trump escalated his attacks on the late Sen. John McCain, who had died in 2018 of brain cancer; Trump told reporters, "I was never

a fan of John McCain and I never will be." Aid workers rushed to rescue victims clinging to trees and crammed on rooftops after a cyclone unleashed devastating floods in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi; more than 350 people were confirmed dead with hundreds missing. In a major advance against the Islamic State group, U.S.-backed Syrian forces seized control of an encampment held by the group in eastern Syria after hundreds of militants surrendered overnight.

Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 95. Actress Renee Taylor is 87. Actress Ursula Andress is 84. Singer Clarence "Frogman" Henry is 83. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 74. Actress Glenn Close is 73. Disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein is 68. Actor Bruce Willis is 65. Actress-comedian Mary Scheer is 57. Playwright Neil LaBute is 57. Actor Connor Trinneer is 51. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 50. Rapper Bun B is 47. Rock musician Zach Lind (Jimmy Eat World) is 44. Actress Virginia Williams is 42. Actress Abby Brammell is 41. MLB pitcher Clayton Kershaw is 32. Actor Craig Lamar Traylor is 31. Actor Philip Bolden is 25.

Thought for Today: "The heaviest baggage for a traveler is an empty purse." — German proverb.

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Newsday Crossword

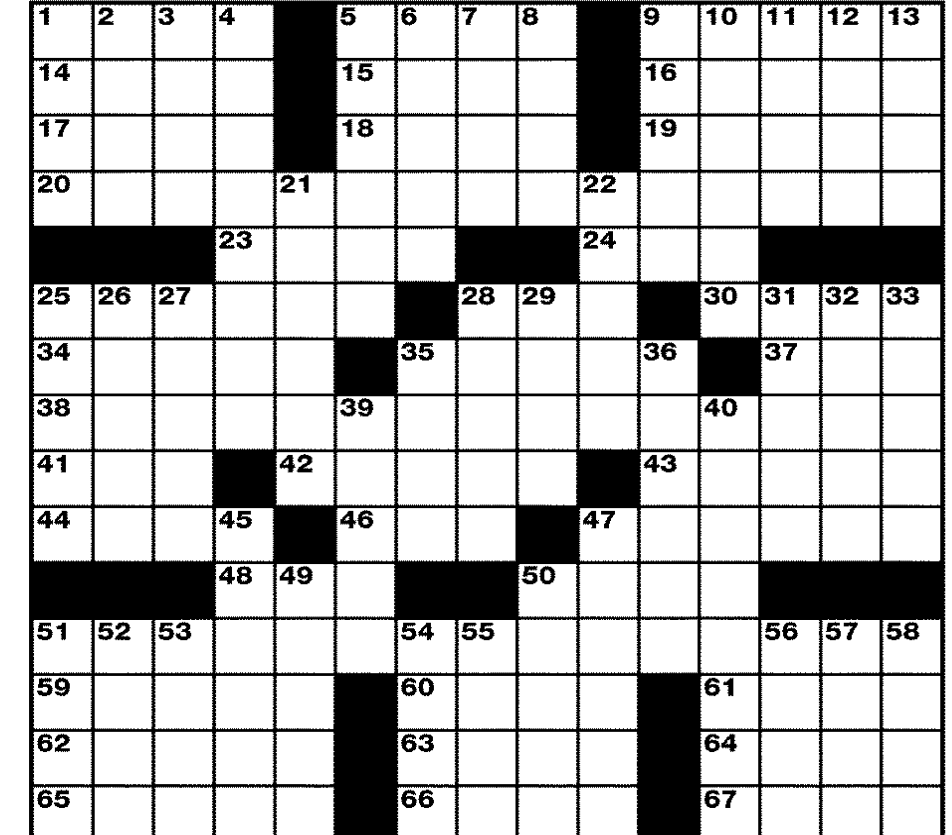
13 DOWN SELECTIONS by Mark McClain
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ACROSS

- 1 Exceeding
- 5 Rather large lawn
- 9 Hotel's hiding places
- 14 Electrician's supply
- 15 Square cereal brand
- 16 Mythical weeper
- 17 Oklahoma city
- 18 Casual eatery
- 19 Isle near Curaçao
- 20 Slogan promoting US tourism
- 23 A lower price
- 24 Have regrets about
- 25 Money of India
- 28 Word before shirt or shot
- 30 Easy victory
- 34 Motionless
- 35 "Poison" shrub
- 37 Smallest singing group
- 38 Not a brick-and-mortar enterprise
- 41 UFO crew
- 42 Courtroom entries
- 43 Has as a source
- 44 Some sandwich surroundings
- 46 Part of psyches
- 47 Make readable, in a way
- 48 Part of WWW
- 50 Quick tug
- 51 Good-for-business situation
- 59 Give up, as a right
- 60 Jazz great Fitzgerald
- 61 Messiah solo

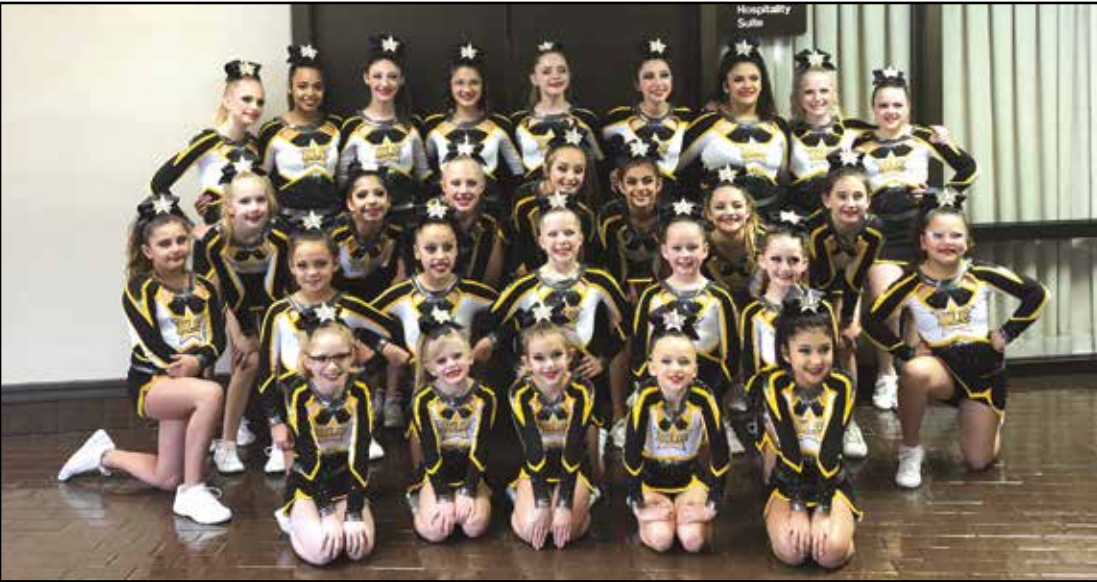
DOWN

- 1 Runs a tab
- 2 Ivy, for instance
- 3 Part of Ohio's border
- 4 State of high readiness
- 5 Ability to enter
- 6 Burns a bit
- 7 Reduction of interest, informally
- 8 Corner office holder
- 9 Big mess
- 10 Not as cramped
- 11 Par on most holes
- 12 Goes out
- 13 Air traveler's choice
- 21 Group gathering
- 22 Academic disciplines
- 25 Water with a mouth
- 26 State of solidarity
- 27 By itself
- 28 Big horns
- 29 Big birds
- 31 Start of several Keats poem titles
- 32 Reflected (on)
- 33 Rapper's entourage
- 35 Wheelless vehicle
- 36 Marc Antony adversary
- 39 Interrogation story
- 40 Term of endearment, e.g.
- 45 Office chair feature
- 47 Century fraction
- 49 Banquet hall booking
- 50 Venerable dessert brand
- 51 Yuletide poem starter
- 52 Big mess
- 53 Seacrest's morning TV partner
- 54 Found fish of filmdom
- 55 Overly smooth
- 56 Venerable dessert brand
- 57 Appearance that sounds ornery
- 58 Babbles



Answer to previous puzzle
GASP UTAH CLAD
MOCHA MALE RAIN
OGLER PLEA OKRA
CHURCH SERVICES
YEA STEM
STILLS HANKIE
HAN TVPROGRAMS
OBESE IDO EARNS
WORKSHIFTS MOE
NOTATE HIHATS
EARS ONE
SPORTINGEVENTS
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ROOM NERO TEPID
ONLY GREW EDEN

Dance Lab making a mark, earning awards



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are the members of Dance Lab Cheer 2019-20.

Special to the Herald

Competition cheerleading is a sport most might not be familiar with. Much different than traditional sideline cheerleading, competition cheer is a high energy two minute and thirty second routine that consists of standing tumbling, running tumbling, basket tosses, stunts, and a dance section. It requires its athletes to not only master technique in all these categories, but they also must be in cardio shape to perform it all. The teams are judged with a score system that awards points for technique, difficulty, performance, creativity of the routine, timing, and rhythm. Points are deducted for dropping stunts and uncompleted tumbling passes. Routines must be performed perfectly to receive a high score and like most sports, the highest score wins. Cheerleading is a college scholarship earning sport and Dance Lab, here in Big Spring, is giving athletes the opportunity to participate and gain experience.

Dance Lab in Big Spring was established in 2019 by Jessica Rutledge to provide children the opportunity to participate in dance, cheerleading, and tumbling classes. The gym offers hip hop, contemporary, and technique dance classes coached by Jessica and Kellie Hungerford, as well as, tumbling classes coached by Cheridan Fulgum. The competitive cheer program, Dance Lab Cheer or DLC for short, is run by Keelee Allen and Megan Wilson. DLC currently has two cheer teams that compete in two different age brackets and skill brackets. DLC Rage competes as a Youth Level 1 Team and DLC Swarm competes in the Junior Level 2 division. Both teams have competed at four competitions around the state and planned to compete at one more. Their last competition in San Antonio was canceled due to the Coronavirus and all classes at the gym have been suspended following the protocol of schools in the area. Even though their season was cut short, their accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by their coaches and community.

DLC Rage is made up of fifteen girls ages 6-11 and are from Big Spring, Coahoma, Colorado City, and Forsan. This team competes in the Youth age bracket and Level 1 skill bracket. The Youth age range runs from ages 5-11 and the Level 1 skill bracket only allows certain skills to be performed. For Level 1, stunts can only be performed at chest level and can only be extended past the chest if connected to another stunt group. Stunts performed on one leg must remain at waist level and can only be performed at chest level if they are connected to support on the ground. Level 1 tumbling can only consist of rolls, roundoffs, cartwheels, frontwalkovers and backwalkovers. DLC Rage ended their season with a 4th place at the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader's Nationals, 3rd place at the Garland American Spirit National Championship, 1st place at the Lubbock Redline Regional Competition and a National

leader Nationals. With over 500+ individuals competing at these competitions, both girls were hand selected by the judges during their performances. "This team has worked hard since we started learning our routines in August and, with some of the girls on this team being brand new to cheerleading, we are extremely proud of their accomplishments," said Allen. "With this team being our younger team, it is a ton of pressure to perform in huge auditoriums with the added pressure knowing you have to perform perfectly to win. It is hard to imagine being six and performing in the middle of AT&T stadium, but they never let the pressure get to them and always put on a great performance."

DLC Swarm is made up of eighteen girls ages 8-14 and also are from the Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan area. This team competes in the Junior age bracket and the Level 2 skill bracket. Junior Level 2 is a very tough division due to its popularity. No matter the competition, more teams always compete in this division than any other division. The Junior age bracket ranges from 5-14 and Level 2 allows some more difficult skills than Level 1. Level two stunts can be performed on one leg at chest level and, if connected to another group, they can extend a one-legged stunt. Stunts on two legs can be fully extended past the chest and can incorporate a half twist. Tumbling includes all the Level 1 skills, as well as, standing backhandsprings and running round-off multiple backhandsprings. This division also allows basket tosses. DLC Swarm, ended their season with an 8th place finish at the Dallas Cowboy's Cheerleader Nationals, 3rd place at the Lubbock Redline Regional Competition, 3rd place at the Lubbock American Spirit Championships, and finally put it all together being named the National Champions at the Garland American Spirit Championship. One of the big shout outs this team received this year was when Andrea Rochelle (flyer) and her stunt group consisting of Mia Saracho (back spot), Jalynn Wegner (base), Taya Gill (base), and Emily Starr (front spot) were featured on the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader's Instagram and Facebook page. A picture was posted showcasing Andrea's exceptional flexibility in her stunts. "In the toughest division, 3rd place finishes are something to be proud of," said Allen. "Majority of the time we are competing against much larger gyms in Lubbock or the metropolitan areas and I'm extremely proud to say we held our own this entire season. Just to put it into perspective, it would be like putting a 3A school up against a 5A school and we managed to place top three with this level of competition. Winning the National Championship was definitely an emotional moment for the kids, us coaches, and the

Championship at the Lubbock American Spirit National Championship. The team also had two individuals recognized for exceptional facials and performance. Madison Campbell (age 8) was inducted into the Infinity 5 at the Redline Competition and Kinzlee Henderson (age 8) was awarded a "WOW" award at the Dallas Cowboy's Cheer-

parents. Some of the girls have been working years developing skills to win a competition and it was awesome seeing their faces when they were called first."

When athletes have skills that exceed what is allowed in the above divisions, DLC allows the girls to compete in individual skill events to showcase their advanced level of skills. Several girls throughout the year competed in Extreme Tumbling, showcasing a high level tumbling routine, and Best Jumps, showcasing exceptional jump technique. Some girls even competed as a Duo or Trio in dance divisions and cheer divisions to showcase their skills. Dance Lab encourages the girls to push their skills to high levels and the individual competitions give them something to look forward to.

Once it is safe to do so, Dance Lab will continue their classes and start putting attention to their summer programs and the 2020/2021 competition year.

To keep up with Dance Lab including class registration and performances, follow them on their Facebook Page, Dance Lab in Big Spring, TX or email dancelab19@gmail.com.

Community Report



Photo submitted by Sheena Stice

Wyatt Oden is a sixth grader at Coahoma Jr. High. He plays select baseball with the Angelo aces out of San Angelo, Texas. Two weeks ago he played in a tournament in Lubbock, and the team was undefeated (5-0). Wyatt came in to pitch the last inning of the championship game and closed the game out and got the win!

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