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*Big Spring Film Festival Postponed until later date*  
*National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative for April 25*  
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*Pints for Polio for March 21*  
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*Health Fair for April 4 has been postponed until August 8.*  
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## Take the time to be counted: 2020 U.S. Census is taking place

By ANNA GUTIERREZ  
 Staff Writer



Another 10 years have gone by, and it's time to count everyone living in the United States. With the news being dominated with COVID-19, many of us haven't even thought of taking the time to fill out that census form.

According to the website, my2020census.gov, the purpose of the census is to count every person living in the United States, once, and only once, and in the right place. This data is then used to distribute federal funding to states and communities each year.

According to Brenda MacDonald, U.S. Census Bureau Media Specialist, the 2020 Census is underway, and the most important thing you can do is respond online, by phone or by mail when you receive your invitation. It has never been easier to respond on your own, all

without having to meet a census taker. "Beginning March 18, 2020, in support of guidance on what we can all do to help slow the spread of coronavirus, 2020 Census field operations will be suspended for two weeks until April 1, 2020," says MacDonald. "The public is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census online using a desktop computer, laptop, smartphone or

tablet, and can also respond by mail or phone."

When asked what types of precautions are being taken with the census takers, she says, "Currently, we are successfully conducting field work for some of our non-decennial surveys by phone in areas where we see an outbreak. Similarly, partnership specialists are working with local partners and conducting meetings by phone and teleconference that may have been in person."

MacDonald states that invitations started arriving in households last week with instructions on how to respond online. The last day to respond will be July 31, 2020.

All information provided on the census is confidential and protected by Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Violating this

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## Wegman recognized for more than 12 years as Big Spring Economic Development Director

Special to the Herald



The Big Spring EDC Board of Directors would like to recognize and honor Mr. Terry Wegman for the exemplary job he has done as the Executive Director of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Wegman was hired as the Executive Director in July of 2007. He, along with the vision of the Board, has facilitated numerous projects and programs during his tenure. The following are just a few: facilitating the development of several wind farms in the County, redevelopment of the Settles Hotel, expansion of several businesses on the Air/Industrial Park, numerous upgrades to buildings and the runways at the Airpark, utility infrastructure improvements within the City, most recently re-establishing rail service to the Air/Industrial Park and completing several rail expansion projects, and initiating building entry ways from the new Hwy. 87 reliever route into the Air/Industrial Park from

**Terry Wegman, Big Spring Economic Development Director, announced his retirement after almost 13 years. He was recently recognized for his contributions by the EDC board members.**

the south and west interchanges. His community involvement includes charter membership

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## COVID-19 from the Front Lines

By MARCIE LUSK  
 Special to the Herald



With all the information (and misinformation) circulating about the coronavirus pandemic, it is difficult to know what information to believe. It is critical that people in the community are knowledgeable about the steps they need to take to keep themselves and their families safe. Below are common questions and answers related to COVID-19 and how it impacts the people in Big Spring and surrounding areas:

**Q: What is a coronavirus? What is COVID-19?**  
**A:** Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). COVID-19 refers to the disease caused by a new strain of, or novel, coronavirus that was first discovered in

December of 2019 in China when many people started becoming ill from a mysterious virus. It has since spread from person-to-person all over the world.

**Q: What are the symptoms of COVID-19?**  
**A:** Initially, you may not have any symptoms of COVID-19. That is one of the things that makes this illness so bad. Most people stay home when they are sick, because they know they are contagious. COVID-19 is unique because unlike most other viral infections, you can be carrying and spreading the virus to others for two days to 2 weeks before having any symptoms. The primary symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, tired-

ness and a dry cough. The symptoms may be similar to those of a common cold, however, certain patients develop shortness of breath, low oxygen levels, pneumonia, respiratory failure, septic shock and death. People at risk of having severe symptoms are people with a weakened immune system, older people, and people with chronic health conditions, such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, etc. The symptoms may be mild initially, but can get worse the second week of the illness.

**Q: How does COVID-19 spread?**  
**A:** Just like influenza and

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## Obituaries

### 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 married Jo Fleener on March 14, 1968, in Big Spring. He was a 100 percent disabled veteran of the U. S. Army, having served in Vietnam. The family moved to Howard County when he was a

small child and lived there until moving to Greenwood in November 2019.

He loved cars, especially hot rods and drag racing.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Jo Ogle of Greenwood; one son, Charley Ogle and his wife, Irma of Greenwood; six grandchildren, Dillon Ogle, Maggie Ogle, Froy DeSantiago, Yahir DeSantiago, Zane Ogle, and Ruby Ogle; and two great-grandchildren, WyLee Ogle and Ryatt Ogle.

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](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Carol Marie Turner



Carol Marie Turner, 64, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 19, 2020. Private family services will be at a later date.

She was born Oct. 24, 1955, in Loraine, Texas, to Bobbie and Otis Thornton. She married Billy Turner March 19, 2017.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Gayla Williams

Gayla Williams, 65, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 19, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Juanita "Pete" Smith

Juanita "Pete" Smith, 96, of Big Spring died Monday, March 16, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Arthur Jackson

Arthur Jackson, 54, died Friday, March 6, 2020. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 20, 1968 in Big Spring, Texas. He is survived by 15 children; two sisters, Shirley DeWitt and LaSandra Jackson; two brothers, Lorenzo Jackson and Henry Jackson; and eleven grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Police Report

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA**, 35, of 403 Valley St., was arrested on a charge of noise.

• **ERIKA NICOLE HILARIO**, 30, of 3304 W. Hwy 80, Apt. 8, was arrested on a charge of noise.

• **RAUL MENDEZ JR.**, 40, of 1508 Sycamore St., Apt. B, was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), and an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **MOISES ANTONIO SARA-CHO III**, 27, of 1003 E. 16th St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **MICHAEL JOSEPH MC-**

**NEW**, 30, of 7803 N. Service Rd., was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **LANE WESTON BAGGETT**, 25, of 1314 Park St., was arrested on a charge of manufacture and/or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four to 200 grams).

• **BRANDIANNHUTCHESON**, 35, of 316 E. Davis Rd., was arrested on warrants for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams), theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and two other outstanding warrants from other agencies.

• **MARCOS MENDEZ III**, 27, of 1511 S. Johnson St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of State St.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Ave.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton St.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 18th St.

• **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison Dr.

• **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JASON HARVEY BEDFORD**, 35, was arrested by DPS on a warrant for assault of family or household member.

• **DAKOTA JAMES HERMANDEZ**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear-possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less

than one gram).

• **ERICA NICOLE HILARIO**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of noise.

• **MARSHALL LATON HORN**, 27, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• **BRANDIANNHUTCHESON**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams), and warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750), no driver's license, and violating promise to appear.

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

• **MICHAEL JOSEPH MC-NEW**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

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

• **RAUL MENDEZ JR.**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), and bail jumping and failure to appear.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Washington Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at 3rd St. and Birdwell Lane. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Grafta. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was report-

ed in the 1000 block of Sycamore. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Lynn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Take Note

• Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked 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 sacked 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.

• Big Spring High School will be recognizing the football team, band members and cheerleaders who participated in the first game at Memorial Stadium in the fall of 1956. The recognition will take place Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at Memorial Stadium. If you are a member of these groups, or know of a member of these groups, and would like to participate, please contact Edward Slate at 432-270-1995, or at 813 Vista Ridge, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

• Scenic Volunteers will be having their annual jewelry sale April 7 and 8, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Medical Plaza, right next door to the hospital.

• Kindred at Home will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Vitalant Bloodmobile will be on site. See Nicole Doose to sign up. The Sponsor Code is BSKindred. Eat a good meal, drink plenty of water, and bring a picture ID.

• **CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:** AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone, and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service, AARP Tax-Aide was made especially for you. They understand that retirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of our team of IRS-certified volunteers, we make it easy for you.

AARP Tax-Aide Service will be available at the Big Spring Senior Center every Monday, beginning on Feb. 3, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services, and AARP membership is not required. Additional information can be found on the AARP web site [https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about\\_aarp\\_taxaide.html](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about_aarp_taxaide.html)

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

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## Meal Pick-Up

### Children in Big Spring can pick up meals at the following times and locations:

From 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Navajo and Choctaw  
Bus 14-Bauer  
Bus 15: Larry and McDonald  
Bus 27: 5th and Abrams  
Bus 28: 3rd and Lockhart  
Bus 77: Parkway and Hearn  
Bus 85: Goliad Elementary  
Bus 86: 6th and Circle  
Bus 90: Southridge RV Park  
Bus 96: Albrook and Randolf

From 10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., you can pick up at:

Bus 13-Barcelona Apartments  
Bus 14-Lakeview  
Bus 15: Colby and Drew  
Bus 27: 8th and Lorilla  
Bus 28: Roy Anderson Complex  
Bus 77: Airport and Mobile  
Bus 85: Scott and Macausian  
Bus 86: Washington Elementary  
Bus 90: Oasis and Neill  
Bus 96: Anderson School

Lunch is also available at North Side Movement for all children in the area. Meals can be picked up at Ryan Hall, located behind the church, at 605 N. Main St. To comply with Governor Abbott's mandate, all meals will be set-up drive-through style. No meals will be served inside the hall. Deliveries will depend on number of volunteers available. You can follow the North Side Movement Facebook page for additional information.

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# COVID-19

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Other respiratory viral infections, COVID-19 is spread primarily by respiratory droplets. That means the virus can spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes and releases these droplets into the air, where they are either inhaled by others, or can land on other people's mouths or noses if they're near enough—generally a distance of about six feet.

Although it isn't a major source of transmission, the virus can also be spread by touching infected surfaces. If the virus lands on a surface after an infected person coughs or sneezes, and another person touches that surface soon afterward and then touches their nose, mouth or eyes, it is possible the virus could be transmitted. It is not known how long this virus can survive on surfaces, so it is important to clean and disinfect any contaminated surfaces, and most importantly, perform hand hygiene regularly. Hand hygiene involves hand washing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and rubbing the hands together until they are completely dry.

**Q: How do I know if I am at risk for the COVID-19 virus?**

**A:** Those at risk include people who have been in contact with a person who already has COVID-19, or with someone who recently traveled to affected areas.

Unfortunately, more cases are emerging in the US that are "community spread", which means that the infection is being spread around without a known source.

**Q: Why is everyone so worried about COVID-19?**

**A:** Unlike influenza, which we have a seasonal vaccine to prevent, this infection is "novel" meaning no one has immunity and everyone is potentially susceptible to get it. And if we don't use extreme measures and precautions, we are at risk of all getting the virus at once. This would cause a rapid increase of cases that would overwhelm health care systems everywhere.

Most people that get COVID-19 will be fine and will only have mild symptoms, however, up to 20% of people with COVID-19 will develop severe symptoms requiring advanced medical care, such as support of breathing with a mechanical ventilator. If we don't delay the rate at which people trans-

mit the infections, there will be more sick patients than any hospital can care for at one time.

**Q: Why are schools and events being cancelled everywhere?**

**A:** As a community, we need to "flatten the curve" by using the recommended social distancing measures released by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

These recommendations include avoiding any non-essential travel, staying home, canceling gatherings and meetings (especially ones where groups of more than 10 people are involved) and public events, staying 6 feet or more away from people when possible, limiting visitors, and of course frequent handwashing. We don't know how long these recommendations will be in place, but it is expected that it will be a minimum of 8-12 weeks. Frequently check the CDC website for updates to stay informed of the latest recommendations, information, and guidance for COVID-19.

**Q: I heard children aren't getting COVID-19. Why are the schools closed?**

**A:** Children are getting COVID-19, however, interestingly, the virus is usually causing only mild

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in the Greater Big Spring Rotary, serving on the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees, the City of Big Spring Planning and Zoning Commission, President of St. Paul Lutheran

Church and was honored as volunteer of the year in 2009 by the YMCA. He served as Board President of the High Ground of Texas and member of the Texas Economic Development Council, and the 2016-2017 recipient of the Top Gun Award from the High Ground of Texas.

We congratulate and wish Mr. Wegman the best in his new venture into retirement.

## UIL announces extended suspension of all UIL activities

AUSTIN — The University Interscholastic League (UIL) is extending its suspension of all UIL sanctioned activities due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in Texas. All contests, practices, rehearsals and workouts will remain suspended until further notice.

At this time, the earliest games and contests may resume is Monday, May 4th. Prior to this date, the UIL will allow its member schools a reasonable acclimat-

ization period for rehearsals and practices to occur. All decisions remain flexible and will be consistent with the advice of local, state and federal officials.

"We are working diligently on contingency plans to conduct state championships in each of the activities that have been suspended," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "While the immediate future is unclear, we are committed to

providing these much-desired activities to all Texas students and will prepare for all possible outcomes, including extended school closures."

The UIL will continue to provide timely, ongoing updates and is reassessing this ever-changing situation daily. Please continue to check the UIL website and social media accounts for further updates.

## Coahoma ISD issued update: Gov. Abbott announces school closure through April 3

**Special to the Herald**

As per Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order, CISD will remain closed through April 3 in order to help in the effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Today, Gov. Abbott announced an executive order that will limit social gatherings to 10 people, prohibit eating and drinking at restaurants and bars while still allowing takeout, close gyms, ban people from visiting nursing homes except for critical care and temporarily close schools. The orders are in effect beginning at midnight Friday, March 20, through midnight, April 3.

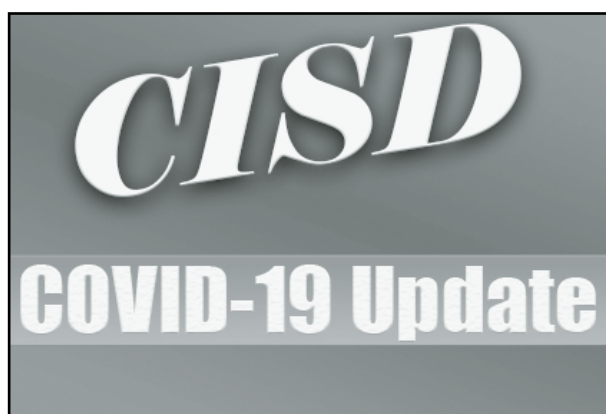
Our teachers will continue providing instruction through online resources. If you have any questions or concerns about our online resources, please contact your campus directly 432-394-5000. Each campus office is prepared to answer all of your questions about username logins, lunch

and packet pickup, google classroom/reminder codes.

Optional take-home lesson packets will continue to be available to parents. Packets can be picked up on Monday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at your child's campus.

Please return packets for this week's lesson material on Monday, March 23, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. We will continue to provide a grab-and-go breakfast/lunch bag for our students between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please be aware, UIL has suspended all extracurricular activities until May 4.

CISD appreciates your patience and understanding as our community stands together and helps each other through this difficult time.



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## Weather

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 57. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Increasing clouds, with a low around 39. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Cloudy, with a high near 52. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. East wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

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

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confidentiality is a federal crime, and there are serious penalties. All census forms should be completed by the person who owns or rents the home, or any other person who is at least 15 years of age with knowledge of the household.

To complete the census, or for more information, go to my2020census.gov. You can click on FAQ at the top. For the latest information, you can go to census.gov/newsroom.

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# US-Canada border to close late Friday to non-essential trips

TORONTO (AP) — The Canadian government said Thursday the Canada-U.S. border will be closed to all non-essential travel in both directions on Friday night.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also said it will take "weeks to months" for social-distancing measures in his country to be lifted amid the pandemic.

Both the U.S. and Canada have been in talks in recent days to negotiate a mutual halt to tourism and family visits but leaving the flow of trade intact. Canada relies on the U.S. for 75% of its exports and about 18% of American exports go to Canada.

Essential cross-border workers like health-care professionals, airline crews and truck drivers will be permitted to cross.

"People not should not be traveling between Canada and the U.S. and the U.S. and Canada to be tourists or for recreational purposes," Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said.

"If you have an important essential reasons to cross the border you can continue to do that."

Freeland emphasized truck drivers are critical as they supply grocery stores and medical goods in both directions. Much of Canada's food supply comes from or via the U.S.

The flow of travelers on the northern border, the world's longest between two nations, has been relatively open. Freeland said crossings can continue in border communities like Campobello, New Brunswick or Port Roberts, British Columbia.

"Trade, which is essential, will continue," Freeland said. "Don't make discretionary trips and that is what border officials will be enforcing."

Trudeau said his government is following the advice of health experts and won't lift restrictions on public activities and movements in Canada until it is safe to do so.

Trudeau made his comments in front of his residence where he is self-isolating after his wife tested positive for the virus.

Canadian Foreign Minister François-Xavier Trudeau is also self-isolating at home and is being tested for the virus after experiencing flu-like symptoms after traveling. He said he expects the results of his test very shortly.

## Texas governor orders schools closed and bans dine-in eating

### Special to the Herald

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ordered schools closed statewide Thursday until at least April 3 and a ban on dine-in eating and gathering in groups of more than 10 as the state ramps up efforts to battle the coronavirus.

Until the announcement, Abbott had left most of those decisions to local governments.

Abbott's order also will shut down gyms and bars. Business closures take effect at 11:59 p.m. Friday, according to the governor's office.

The governor said his order ensures Texas is following guidance provided by the federal government.

Schools were instructed to develop education plans.

The governor said it is not an order for Texans to shelter in place and does not restrict domestic travel, though he encouraged people to use drive-thru options at restaurants and other businesses to avoid being in large groups.

Texans are still allowed to go in public, go to the grocery store and to work although Abbott encouraged companies to allow workers to work from home if possible.

Government will remain open.

## COVID-19 Protections in Texas Jails Necessary, Civil Rights Leaders Call for Action

HOUSTON — The ACLU of Texas and a coalition of civil rights leaders today sent almost 500 letters to criminal justice officials urging them to take public health experts' advice and release individuals who are at high risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 from county jails. Specifically, the focus is placed on communities in jails with populations identified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as vulnerable, as well as people currently in pretrial detention.

"More than 60,000 people will sleep in jail cells in Texas tonight. Many of them have not been found guilty and are only there because they can't pay cash bail," said Sarah Labowitz, policy director for the ACLU of Texas. "Health experts agree that reducing incarcerated populations and protecting vulnerable groups is part of a smart response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We're calling on criminal justice officials to do their part to prevent a public health crisis in jails and prisons."

In the letter, the groups are calling on:

Police departments and other arresting agencies to stop arresting people for minor offenses. Arresting agencies can also issue citations or desk-tickets in lieu of arrest so that people can return home, balancing the need for arrest with the overwhelming public safety concerns presented by coronavirus.

Prosecutors to avoid cash bail requests and move for release in all but the very few cases where pretrial detention is absolutely the least restrictive means necessary to ensure public safety. They should also institute a review-and-release protocol in cases in which bail was already sought in the past 30 days and the person is currently detained.

Judges to minimize nonessential contact within the criminal legal system, and consider granting pretrial release to detainees in all but the very few cases where detention is the least restrictive means necessary to ensure community safety.

## COVID-19

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1% of infections. It is unknown why children are not getting as sick as the adults are, however, it is still important to prevent infections in children. Infected children, even with mild or even no symptoms, can spread the disease to others, including the adults that care for them.

### Q: When will a vaccine be available for COVID-19?

A: There is a vaccine being developed, however, it is unlikely to be ready and approved for use for at least a year or more.

### Q: What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

A: Isolation is used to separate people who have a communicable disease from those who are healthy. Quarantine is used to separate and restrict the movement of well person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease to see if they become ill. These people may have been exposed to a disease and do not know it, or they may have the disease but do not show symptoms.

Both isolation and quarantine are effective measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

### Q: Should we be buying lots of supplies at the store (e.g. toilet paper)?

A: No. It is recommended to have supplies for a couple of weeks in case you end up having to be quarantined or isolated. Stores and pharmacies will remain open and are being replenished regularly with supplies. There is no need to have more than two weeks worth of items.

It is important to remember your fellow community members during this time. Buying more than you need creates a situation where other people cannot get the basic items they need for everyday life.

### Q: How can I protect myself and my family from getting or spreading the virus?

A: Everyday actions to help prevent the spread of any respiratory virus, including COVID-19:

- Wash hands often for 20 seconds and encourage others to do the same.
- If no soap and water are available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs, and other places touched often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

### Q: Have there been any cases of coronavirus

### in Big Spring or surrounding areas?

A: No. There have not been any confirmed cases in Howard County or the immediate surrounding areas, however, as time progresses and more people are tested, cases are expected.

### Q: How will we know when there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in this area?

A: The Texas Department of State Health Services is tracking cases in every county and publishes that information daily on their website: <https://dshs.texas.gov/news/updates.shtm#coronavirus>

### Q: I want to be tested for COVID-19. If I go to the clinic or the hospital, can I get tested?

A: On-demand testing for the public is not available at this time and unfortunately we do not have a timeline for when that testing will be available. This may change and we will keep the public informed if (and when) more test kits become available.

The hospital and clinic have a set number of testing kits, however, they are reserved for patients that are severely ill or hospitalized. Currently, these are not performed on an outpatient basis.

### Q: What is Scenic Mountain Medical Center doing to prepare for COVID-19?

A: The team at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, has been working closely with stakeholders, including local EMS, our other affiliated hospitals and agencies, the VA, the local health department, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Center for Disease Control, etc. to develop a plan to manage the COVID-19 outbreak at a local level. A specialized triage process has been developed to screen patients at risk for having the virus. This includes having only one entrance to the hospital, so everyone entering can be appropriately screened. The Yellow Rose Café is also closed to the public until further notice. As the situation develops, the hospital will work with community partners to make the needed adjustments to accommodate many sick patients.

The hospital in the process of implementing a dedicated phone number that is answered 24/7 to address COVID-19 concerns. Contact information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

### Q: My family member is sick and in the hospital at SMMC. Can I go visit them?

A: The policy regarding visitors has temporarily changed to protect our patients, their families, staff, visitors, and other members of the community. Children under the age of 12 will not be permitted to visit the hospital, UNLESS the child is a patient. Inpatient visitors will be limited to 1 at any given time.

### Q: I'm worried I may have COVID-19. What

### should I do?

A: First and foremost, don't panic. Most cases of COVID-19 do not require a visit to the emergency department, the outpatient clinic, or hospitalization. There is no specific medication for COVID-19 and treatment generally includes supportive care at home under self-isolation for at least 2 weeks. Unless your symptoms are severe, you should not go to the emergency department. If you do have to go to the emergency department, wear a mask (if possible) and avoid contact with people on the way.

You should call 911 or visit the emergency department if:

- You're experiencing any medical emergency,
- You're sick enough that you need to go to the hospital, especially if you recently started experiencing shortness of breath
- You're sick and you are a high-risk individual, such as an older patient or a person with an already weakened immune system.

### Q: I'm at home in isolation for suspected COVID-19. How do I know when I can discontinue isolation?

A: CDC has given a couple of options to guide discontinuation of isolation. One is a time-since-illness-onset and time-since-recovery strategy and the other is a test-based strategy.

Since tests are not widely available at this time, the first option will apply best to the people in this area.

People with COVID-19 who have symptoms and were instructed to care for themselves at home may discontinue home isolation when:

- it has been at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery. Recovery means no fever (without use of fever-reducing medications) and improvement of respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough and shortness of breath) AND at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

The test-based strategy requires resolution of fever and improvement of respiratory symptoms AND a two negative COVID-19 tests that are performed 24 hours apart from each other.

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# Church News

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located at 1001 S. Goliad, North of the high school, and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays, we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m., and evening we have evening prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Facebook – Live Streaming

Starting this Sunday at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's will be live streaming their service on Facebook, website – [www.facebook.com/StMarys-BigSpring](http://www.facebook.com/StMarys-BigSpring). What a great way to listen OR participate in the service at the comforts of your home or wherever you may be at that time of day.

## First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study and the Chancel Choir rehearsal are suspended until further notice.

The Lenten Luncheon series has been cancelled this year because of the coronavirus outbreak and national emergency.

The Stated Session Meeting has been cancelled for this month.

Presbyterian Women will not meet Tuesday, March 24.

Ushers for Sunday, March 15 were not used. Parishioners left their offerings in the collection plates that were strategically placed in the sanctuary.

Take Ten and Sunday School have been suspended until further notice.

Lectionary passages for the Fourth Sunday in Lent are I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41. The modified worship service will be available on Radio Station KBST 1490 AM and on a recording on the church's website [fpcbigspring.com](http://fpcbigspring.com). Click on the tab SERMON and select the sermon for the week. Rev. Todd has said that the worship service will include announcements/updates, a call to worship, scripture readings, sermon, affirmation of faith, pastoral prayer, and benediction. Church musician Gabe Martinez will supply appropriate music for the service.

As everyone realizes, these are extraordinary times and circumstances, but with prayer and use of all of the digital and technical means of communication God's people can continue to be His hands and feet and voice.

You may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. Please call the church office at 263-4211 for other information. We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

## First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. Traditions Service featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday school, and then The Bridge service at 11 a.m., which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, March 22, Pastor Derrell's sermon is "Full Time Disciples" from Mark 1:16-18 and John 21:15-17.

Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

Because of the national emergency caused by the Coronavirus, most of the activities of the church are postponed for the next few weeks. Some smaller groups may meet so you should contact the leaders of your small group to find out the status of those meetings.

We should note that the Lenten Lunches are cancelled for the remaining two Wednesdays.

The Fifth Sunday Covered Dish Lunch is also cancelled for March 29.

Only one Sunday morning worship service will be held on March 22 and 29 through Facebook Live and will be broadcast as normal over KXCS-105.5 FM at 11 a.m. We will have a small number of leaders at the church to facilitate the FB Live and radio broadcast at 11 a.m.

You may share prayer requests or bring your offering to the church between 11 and 12 on the next few Sundays.

You may also mail offerings to the church at

400 Scurry St., Big Spring, TX 79720, or give offerings online through our "Tithely" app, also available through our church website.

We expect these cancellations to last only a few weeks, but none of us knows what will actually happen. We care deeply about the health and safety of all people and so we want to follow the CDC guidelines. We also pray that the virus will not spread further. We are developing online ministries that may help those who miss attending classes, study, and worship in person. Please check our Facebook page because we will try to give ministry and activity updates there.

As an encouragement during these difficult days we share a good word from 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control."

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at [www.funccbs.com](http://www.funccbs.com) or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

## Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Blessed Hands Deaf Church is currently joining with the First Baptist Church family in the main sanctuary with interpreters provided. Due to the current corona virus health crisis, BHDC and FBC leadership are prayerfully considering appropriate changes to scheduled services and events. Please go to [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org) or call 432-267-8223, or contact Blessed Hands Pastor, Jim Waltherhouse at [jwaltherhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwaltherhouse@gmail.com) for information about worship service times and/or event cancellations. First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700.

## First Baptist Church

"From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to The Rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61:2

Currently, FBC leadership is prayerfully considering appropriate changes to scheduled services and events in view of the corona-virus health crisis. Please go to [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org) or call 432-267-8223 for information about worship service times and/or event cancellations. FBC invites all believers to join them in prayer:

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We know, LORD, that no situation escapes Your notice, and You are sovereign over all. The times we live in may be uncertain...but You, LORD, never change.

In awestruck humility, we bow before You in grateful adoration that You have placed our feet upon The Rock of Jesus Christ. While we may be physically distanced from each other... You are always near. Please Father, unite our hearts in closer unity to Yours, and to each other's as never before. Help us, to fix our minds on You, LORD.

We ask in faith for wisdom, thankfully receiving it as You grant it to us as promised in Your Word. Great is Your faithfulness! We thank you LORD, that as we navigate this corona virus situation, our path through it grows brighter and brighter. We ask for Your continued guidance each day, and for health amid hidden dangers. LORD, our hope is in You alone!

Throughout these circumstances, there is much we cannot understand...but we trust You.

We may feel overwhelmed...but we trust You. We may feel discouraged...but we trust You. We may feel afraid...but we trust You.

O LORD, You are our strength, our hope, our courage, our compassion, our wisdom, our source of health, and our righteousness. Please keep us close to You, Father, that we might walk daily in integrity with tender concern for everyone.

In Your name, Jesus, we take authority over

fear and panic in this world wide health crisis, knowing that Your Word has declared that You have forgiven all our sins and healed all our diseases.

Thank You for Your merciful lovingkindness. You are The Great Physician, and we thank You, Father, that no weapon formed against us will prosper, and we ask that You would restore health to all infected with the corona virus that they might declare Your praise before every nation on earth, and give You glory.

We ask that through this health crisis, all who do not know You...will turn to You, and accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, and that hell would be plundered as The Gospel overtakes this virus, and souls are saved.

LORD, there is no disease beyond Your healing ability. Your Word tells us that the enemy, Satan, seeks to kill, steal, and destroy. Chaos is his home, and fear is his invitation into any situation, but he is bound by Your authority, and this corona virus situation is under Your feet!

We ask that You quickly stop the spread of this virus! We acknowledge that You are the source of all healing. We pray for Your protection and encouragement for our leaders, doctors, nurses, researchers, and all healthcare workers.

We ask You, Father, to multiply Your comforting presence in the echoes of isolation, especially those in nursing homes and care facilities. We ask that You restore double all lost income and revenue to those whose jobs and businesses have been negatively impacted. We thank You for Your provision, friendship, and love. We thank You for the finished work of The Cross!

We cry to You LORD, believing You hear us and are bringing streams of Living Water to the desert of corona virus. Jesus, we know You are The Good Shepherd who tenderly cares for us.

We thank You, LORD, for bringing beauty from the ashes of this health crisis situation. We love You, and await with confident expectation Your answer to our prayer. In the Name Above All Names: Jesus Christ. Amen.

FBC is located at 705 W. FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

## College Baptist Church

II Chronicles 7:13-14 tells us, "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Pray that Big Spring and Howard County Christians will follow God's pattern for Revival. The meeting March 22, 2020, with Bro. Steve Payson has been cancelled at the Big Spring High School Auditorium at 5 p.m. for Harvest Howard County 2020. All other activities for our church have gone to virtual reality on our Facebook page at our regularly scheduled times.

SEND, First Priority, Bible teaching, preaching from God's word, backpack ministry, Women of the Word fellowship, are ongoing ministries at College Baptist Church, located at the southeast corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

Choir is getting ready for Resurrection Sunday in April.

We invite you to join us on Facebook for the next two weeks on Sundays for Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:15 for all ages, followed by worship at 10:45 in the auditorium. No GA's at 5 p.m. for grades first through fifth girls' missions.

Then Bible study for youth and adults at 6 p.m. No Wednesday evening craft time, King's Kids, and prayer and Bible study for youth or adults all beginning at 7 p.m. on Facebook .

We are trying to comply with the complications the COVID-19 has caused on our community. Please pray for our nation and your families.

Come worship with us as we celebrate the God of all seasons. No matter the program, we enjoy the worship time where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, helps us as we delve into God's word, which inspires us to live as Jesus lives through us.

Get your spiritual 20/20 Vision on and come and be a part in these joyful activities with us in exciting worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve.

Please call 432-267-7429 for more information about this exciting, loving Church.



# CHURCH

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## Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

### Fourth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2020

“Celebrating and Sharing God’s Love and Grace in our lives”.

We are located at 2805 Lynn Dr. in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. If you would like to reach Pastor Kohl or the church office, please call 432-264-7818, or e-mail us at [aliveinchristtx@gmail.com](mailto:aliveinchristtx@gmail.com).

Bible study and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven’t been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday evening Bible study has stopped for the Lenten Season. Please join us for our Lenten Services every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. A meal will be provided at 6 p.m., and the service begins at 7 p.m. We will have a Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. on April 10. We will have our Eggstravanga on Saturday, April 11 from 10 till noon. Bring your kids and join us! Our Easter Service will be on April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Please come and join us.

Dolline Budke will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to

106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: “Morning Meditation Thoughts”. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

## Crestview Baptist Church

Crestview Baptist Church will continue as normal, with our meeting times the same as listed below, during the coronavirus situation. We are told in scripture not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. However, if this problem gets worse, and it begins to take

thousands of lives, like the common flu does every year, we will then make changes. So, if you are sick, stay home. If you are well, come and worship the Lord, who is still in complete control!

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., and Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Lassiter will be preaching through the first five chapters in the book of Psalm. On Sunday and Wednesday nights, at 6:30 p.m., the pastor is teaching through the Attributes of God.

Please come join with us at Crestview if you are looking for a church home, where we believe that man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever! We are at 2305 Gatesville Rd., in Big Spring.

## NazFamily Church

• This Sunday

Jesus sees. It’s a simple fact. Jesus sees you. However, He doesn’t just see the surface, the outside, the image that you project. He is not blinded by pretense or assumption. He sees you in the light of truth and love. He sees your potential. He sees what you can be. Jesus sees you. When you look in the mirror, what do you see? How do you see? Do you see yourself in the light of His truth and love or does something else distort your perception? He wants to open our eyes so that we can proclaim with the man who was born blind: One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see! Join us Sunday as we encounter Jesus in the Ditch.

• Men’s Ministry Cookout

Our NazFamily Men will gather at Howard Callender’s property for a cookout this Saturday at 12 p.m. We will have skeet shooting, fishing, and games available. All men are invited to come eat and fellowship with us. Contact Howard at 661-549-6801 if you need directions.

• Youth Fundraiser

Our Revolution NazYouth are selling tickets for an enchilada dinner for \$10 per meal. You will be able to come eat or pick up your meal on Wednesday, March 25 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. All the proceeds will go to help send our youth to camp.

• The Bridge - Easter Jam

Join NazFamily - the Bridge for some free family fun on April 5 from 3 to 5 pm. We will

have music, food, games, and of course an egg hunt at Haynes Pavilion (Kid's Zone- Comanche Trail Park). All ages are invited to join in the fun.

• NCA Easter Program

Nazarene Christian Academy will present a special Easter Program called “All Because of Jesus” on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Come out as our students share the reason we celebrate this season.

• Good Friday

“Amazing love, how can it be, that You, My King, would die for me!” We will have a special Good Friday service on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join us for this meaningful time of reflection, worship, and prayer.

• Community Egg Hunt

NazFamily’s Annual Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 11. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Old Settler’s Pavilion in the Comanche Trail Park. There will be food, face painting, bounce house, coloring contests, door prizes, and of course, thousands and thousands of eggs. The Easter Bunny may even make an appearance. Come on out and enjoy a time that is fun for the whole family.

• Resurrection Sunday

We are planning a powerful worship gathering on Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will begin with a sunrise prayer time at 7 a.m., followed by all church breakfast at 9 a.m. in the gym. Our Worship Gathering at 10 a.m. This is a great time to invite friends, family and neighbors to come worship with us. You won’t want to miss out on this meaningful time together. He is risen indeed!

## Trinity Baptist Church

Trinity Baptist Church has announced they are canceling all in-person church services. All services will be streamed on-line. You can find them on YouTube at Trinity Baptist Big Spring TX, or go to website [tbcbigspring.com](http://tbcbigspring.com). Services will be broadcast Sunday morning at 11 a.m., Sunday evening at 6 p.m, and Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Sermons will be available for viewing later if you miss a service.

If you have any questions, call the church office at 432-267-6344

# Highland Animal Hospital taking precautions during COVID-19

Special to the Herald

The Highland Animal Hospital issued the following statement regarding precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic:

As we continue to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 issue, the health of our clients and staff are now a top priority. Under the recommendations of the American Veterinary Medical Association, we are implementing the following procedures:

1) REFILLS ON MEDICATIONS AND OTHER SUPPLIES:

Please call ahead so that we can have them ready for you. Call us when you arrive

at the clinic and we will gladly deliver them to your vehicle and take your payment in for

for you.  
2) APPOINTMENTS: Please call us once you arrive at the clinic at your scheduled time and we will check you in, then when an exam room is available a member of our staff will come to your car and either:

A) take you and your pet directly to the exam room or

B) you are welcome to wait in the car while your pet is examined by the doctor, and he will call you to discuss recommended treatments and procedures, and when we are finished, the staff member will return your animal to you and take payment for the services rendered in for you.

3) SURGERIES AND DROP OFFS- Please call us once you arrive at the clinic, a member of our staff will bring out the necessary consent forms for you to sign and then take your pet into the clinic for you. You will be called by the doctor or staff

with updates and times to pick up your pet. When you arrive back for pickup, please call us and a member of the staff will come to your car with your pet and take payment for services rendered.

4) IF YOU ARE SICK: Please stay at home, call us and we can advise or treat you pet thru telemedicine if possible.

We know that these are difficult times and we feel like this is a way that we can practice social distancing and still take excellent care of your pets health!!!

# Howard County Library closes for upgrades and updates

Special to the Herald

The following is a statement from the Howard County Library on their recent closure:

As we continue to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 situation, Howard County Library will take this opportunity to close down the library for updates and upgrades to our Computer Lab.

Also, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and in accordance with recommendations from the CDC, Howard County Library has made the following changes to programs and services. Please check back for updates at our web page <https://howard-county.ploud.net/> and at our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary/>.

• Effective March 19, 2020: The library is closed to the public until further notice. All programs and meeting room reservations are suspended until further notice.

• Please do not return your library materials. All due dates and fines are suspended until May 1.

• Library staff will be working. Reference service

is available by phone and email. Staff will be available by phone to answer any questions you may have regarding our online content.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

For the latest updates and recommendations on COVID-19, please refer to the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/>, and the Texas Health and Human Services website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>.

For local information and updates:

- City of Big Spring <https://www.mybigspring.com/AlertCenter.aspx>
- Big Spring Independent School District <https://www.bsisd.esc18.net/>
- Forsan Independent District <https://www.forsan.esc18.net/>
- Coahoma Independent School District <https://www.coahomaisd.com/>
- Howard College <https://howardcollege.edu/>
- For information about assistance with food or bills, call the 2-1-1 non-emergency hotline.

## Midland Memorial Hospital announces COVID-19 drive through sample

Special to the Herald

Midland Memorial Hospital has opened a Drive Through Sample Collection Site. It is important to know the use of the site is ONLY for those that have met the screening requirements and have an appointment through 68Nurse (432-686-8773) or as scheduled by your provider.

If you feel you have been exposed or are experiencing fever, sore throat, cough and new shortness of breath, please follow the below steps. DO NOT self-report to the Drive Through Sample Collection Site.

1. Self-Isolate
2. Call your Primary Care Physician or 68Nurse (432-686-8773). Do not go to the Emergency Department or an Urgent Care Center

Your Primary Care Provider or 68Nurse will perform the CDC approved screenings. If screening guidelines are met, they will schedule you an appointment at the Drive Through Sample Collection Site and provide you with your next steps.

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## King Or Friend?

“When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.” John 6:15

I see a lot of religious people today trying to make Jesus a King. Don't get me wrong, Jesus is the King of Kings, but He was already King before He ever stepped foot on this planet earth. So, why did Jesus hide when He perceived that they would take Him and make Him a King? Because He didn't come to be King, He came to be the friend of sinners.

Jesus said that He had been anointed by the Holy Spirit of God to set the captives free. A king doesn't set captives free; he conquers kingdoms and takes prisoners. A conquering king doesn't eat with the outcast sinners of his realm. He doesn't eat with traitors and harlots; he puts them in prison for breaking the law of the land. A king doesn't bless his enemies, he binds them in shackles and casts them into deep, dark dungeons.

But Jesus is the friend of sinners. He loves those who don't love Him. Jesus pleads for His enemies saying – Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. To those who are rebels at heart, He says – neither do I condemn thee.

Jesus did not come to this earth as a King, but as a servant. Otherwise, He would have never told us that He is meek and lowly in heart. If Jesus would have come as a King, He would have been born in a palace, and not a manger. Jesus is King of kings, and Lord of lords, but He did not use His majesty to take vengeance on sinners. He used all of His power and authority to lay down His life as a ransom for us.

And now, He calls us friends.



TOM SLOAN

## Something to think about...

“Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You are mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place it won't be a dead end—Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you...” ~ Isaiah 43:2-3

We live in an incredibly anxious and fear-filled culture. Yet, Scripture reminds us again and again, “Do not be afraid.” We do not have to live with a spirit of worry or fear. Why? Because God is God and He loves us. When we live fully in our identity as God's children, knowing that His name is loving-faithfulness, then we can put down our worries and our fears. That reminds me of a story another pastor shared with me a few years ago:

“I am not a connoisseur of great art, but from time to time a painting or picture will really speak a clear, strong message to me. Some time ago I saw a picture of an old burned-out mountain shack. All that remained was the chimney...the charred debris of what had been that family's sole possession. In front of this destroyed home stood an old grandfather-look-

ing man dressed only in his underclothes with a small boy clutching a pair of patched overalls. It was evident that the child was crying. Beneath the picture were the words which the artist felt the old man was speaking to the boy. They were simple words, yet they presented a profound theology. Those words were, 'Hush child, God ain't dead!'

That vivid picture of that burned-out mountain shack, that old man, the weeping child, and those words “God ain't dead” keep returning to my mind. Instead of it being a reminder of the despair of life, it has come to be a reminder of hope!”

When our house seems to be burning down in front of us, we need reminders that there is still hope. In the midst of all the challenges and struggles we face we can still proclaim, “God ain't dead!” Sometimes that simple reminder reorients our distorted perspective.

As a spirit of fear has gripped our world, it is a great time for followers of Jesus to be salt and light. When the world gets darker, His light shines brighter! You don't have to hoard, but instead be willing to share what you have. You don't have to hide, but instead serve those who may need a helping hand. You don't have to be paralyzed by fear, but instead walk in faith. In the way we will proclaim to the world that “God ain't dead!” May we refuse to live in a spirit of fear, but may we operate through His Spirit that gives us power, love, and a sound mind.

## Coronavirus reminds Americans that pursuit of happiness is tied to the collective good

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At its core, the United States Declaration of Independence argues that all human beings have “unalienable rights.” These include right to “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

These rights apply to all human beings, and cannot be given away.

What is more, the Declaration says that “to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men.” In other words, the primary objective of government is to afford citizens the opportunity to exercise these rights; the right to be left alone and to be free to pursue their own notion of happiness.

These ideas – that all people have the right to freely pursue their own self interest, and that government is concerned primarily with defending that right – show that the United States is, speaking philosophically, a very liberal society.

I have been researching questions about American political philosophy since I was a graduate student studying social ethics in the 1990s and those questions still occupy my research. With the advent of the coronavirus pandemic, one question in particular has emerged as front and center:

Is a society founded on liberal principles able to preserve itself when confronted with an existential threat, such as the coronavirus pandemic?

Is liberalism insufficient?

With the end of the Cold War, Soviet-style communism was banished to what President Ronald Reagan called “the ash heap of history.” Several countries throughout the former Soviet bloc, and throughout the world, embraced the ideals of civil rights, free enterprise and democratic equality.

This dominance of Western liberalism was also reflected in American political philosophy. In the 70s and 80s, political theorists like Joseph Raz, Robert Nozick and John Rawls all sought to refine the features and implications of liberal thought.

For example, John Rawls, in my opinion, the most important American political philosopher of this time, argued that liberal society required as much freedom and as much equal distribution of resources as possible. Any inequality or restriction of rights was only acceptable when it made society better off.

But neither Rawls nor any of these eminent theorist questioned the idea that liberalism was the best way to organize society.

In fact, political scientist Francis Fukuyama famously argued for liberalism saying that the question about how people should live together was effectively over.

## Reflections:

### Looking for a Better Day

Last year, two robins built their nest in the Aspen tree in front of our house. I named them Fred and Ethel. Ethel, it appeared, was in charge. Fred helped, but, as with most females, the nest was hers. Fred brought twigs and did his best, but Ethel corrected his mistakes, laid her eggs and faithfully incubated their young while Fred foraged and occasionally got distracted.

They made their appearance March 9, perched side-by-side on the fence near our deck. I don't know where they have been. Maybe they spent the winter in Mexico, flitting around some sunny beach, maybe Acapulco! After all, a wall is nothing to a bird. They can literally fly right through customs, or over any man-made barrier whenever they choose. But then, again, maybe they settled for southern California, munching on grapes and black berries.

Fred greets the morning, before sunrise, with song. Maybe Fred has been hanging out with Willie. He seems happy to be “on the road again.” The red-wing black birds join him, their red epaulets flashing in the sun as they fly to the grassy marsh behind our house to build their nests. After a joyful winter foraging with friends and family in distant places, they are coming for a summer of hard work. A nest to build, maybe two or three broods of young to repopulate the planet.

The trees are still bare-limbed and the grass is not yet green. We will likely have another snowfall or two in Colorado, but the temps are spiking into the 50s, and the Aspen are starting to bud. Fred and Ethel seem oblivious to the coronavirus, the devastated stock market, school closings, suspended athletic contests, closed concerts and shuttered cafes. They know the sun will rise and that spring

will come, so they are getting ready. Fred and Ethel are confident a better day is yet to come.

In the midst of our disrupted lives, I find it comforting to watch the birds. They have survived hurricanes, winter storms, attacks from predators and their own diseases. They don't give up. They just keep singing, and building their nests and raising their young. Maybe we can sing while it is still dark, before the sunrise. I like the song, 10,000 reasons ... “The sun comes up, there's a new day dawning. It's time to sing my song again. Whatever may come and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.”

We are enduring one of the greatest tests of my life-time, which includes three quarters of a century. Fortunately, the fiction writers who penned and produced the doomsday stories were wrong. When the world population is tested, as we are today, most people refuse to dissolve into chaos and selfish survival. We help one another. We care for one another. We cheer each other on. We pull through together, like the birds.

Though these days are difficult and confusing, spring will come. Summer will follow. A brighter day is yet to dawn with much laughter and joy and celebration. Like the captives who returned to Jerusalem, we will be able to say, “When the Lord brought back the captive ones of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with joyful shouting; then they said among the nations, ‘The Lord has done great things for them!’” (Psalm 126:1-2).

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BILL TINSLEY

## Wow! When God Works

When I was about six years old, we had to move from one Eastern Nevada town to a smaller Northern Nevada town because of my dad's job. Mother packed us up and drove our loaded vehicle to our new home. It was an old dilapidated air force barracks apartment. Rat infested and unclean and beginning in cold September was our plight. It was the only thing we could afford until Dad got his first paycheck. Two weeks Mother kept her broom busy whacking rats, then sweeping them out the door.

Mother had three children at the time and was six months into the fourth one. She was a clean freak and necessarily so. So that two weeks was really difficult on her. We played out in the dirt yard when the cold Fall wind wasn't blowing. We huddled around a wood stove where we slept on the floor at night. In fact, all my life I remember times of having company where we slept on the floor as children.

My mother finally found a three bedroom house we could afford with Dad's first pay check. We moved within one day and felt so proud of that house. She was always looking for ways to economize. We had a four-line clothes line in the back yard. It held all our clothes every Saturday when she did the wash.

I remember taking the clothes off the line in the winter and having to finish drying them in the house because they were frozen stiff.

When my new little brother showed up, we used flour sack diapers, and she washed a load every day with her wringer washing machine. She always had a garden and a freezer and taught us how to can for the winter. We were living on \$10,000 a year with a total of six kids at the final count.

We are in crises in our country today, and back in that day it took every penny we had to live from month to month. Now it almost takes that much per week or more to make it. So what do we do?

Generation X, listen to your great-grandparents or grandparents. They have been through the hard times. Millennials, listen to your parents or grandparents, they know the shortcuts and used cloth diapers. Eat what they put on the table to eat. If it's rice and beans, thank God for it. If it's steak, eat half of it and freeze the rest for later. Snack on homemade popcorn.

We buy what we can afford; we leave enough for others. We are Americans after all! We take care of the elderly around us. We make sure people who are not elderly have enough to eat. We shouldn't worry about our needs as Christians, because we have God's promises that He will take care of His own. He always has, He always will.

So while this crisis lasts, let's pull together like the good Americans we claim to be. Let's do II Chronicles 7:13-14 as a nation. God hasn't given up control to anyone. Trust Him. Watch him work in our world. He will amaze us with His love.



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# Howard baseball and softball seasons cancelled

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

It was announced this week that the remainder of the spring sports schedule would be cancelled for Howard College and the remainder of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

The NJCAA made the decision using the recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and cancelled all basketball championships and other spring sports.

"In light of the progressive evolution of the COVID-19 situation, the NJCAA has decided to end all competition for the remainder of the academic year," Dr. Christopher Parker, NJCAA President & CEO, said in a press release. "As an association, the NJCAA exhausted all possible avenues to potentially postpone competition for both upcoming basketball championships and spring sport competition. We believe following the recommendations of the CDC is in the best interest of our member colleges and our student-athletes."

This decision from the NJCAA is unfortunate for the players and coaches for these spring teams who had worked so hard all offseason to be prepared for a successful season. But it is also an understandable route to take with the concern of so many people's health at risk.

"I was disappointed but I knew it was coming," Lady Hawks head coach Kelly Raines said. "I honestly think that everybody's health is more important than softball so I totally understand. But it is disappointing."

Raines' team finished the shortened season as the No. 9 team in the nation and were off to a very stellar start to the year (18-4). The Lady Hawks were a power-hitting bunch that produced multi-homer games consistently and with ease.

The sophomore power-hitting duo of Amanda Gonzales and Laela Minnich will not be back next season as they have both committed to higher-learning universities.

Gonzalez was the 2019 National Player of the Year



and would have been in the running for the award again this season. She will be taking her talents to Louisiana Tech where she will play and produce big at the plate for the Bulldogs.

Minnich will be joining the Division II powerhouse Southern Arkansas. The Vista, California native will bring her strong bat with her to continue the Lady Muleriders' success in the Great American Conference.

With the departure of these two stars along with other players on the roster, the Lady Hawks might look like a brand-new team next spring. However, there are still eligibility concerns to square away that could allow some sophomores to return next year.

Raines will be prepared either way.

"We will definitely look for our freshmen next year to step up," Raines said. "We're definitely go-

ing in it to win it again."

After an early and unexpected end to the 2020 season, there will be a stage of disappointment before Raines and her staff will need to flip the switch to focusing on next year.

Raines has built the Lady Hawks into an annual national contender and there is no reason to believe that she will not have her team ready to go when her team hits the field next spring.

The Howard Hawks baseball team (11-6, 2-2) will also look forward to next spring as a chance to regroup and retool for a run at the conference title.

The Hawks finished their shortened 2020 campaign by winning eight out of their last ten games. They seemed to be gaining momentum at the right time heading into the conference schedule.

Outfielder/pitcher Broch-Holmes led the team with five home runs and a sky-high batting average (.438). The freshman will most likely be returning to the Howard campus next year and can look to build on his impressive rookie year.

Head Coach Michael Lopez will also look for improvement out of freshmen pitchers Cade Fontenot and Colton Brown. The pair pitched a combined total of 30 innings for the Hawks this season and a 5.00 ERA. They also combined for 35 strikeouts and only 17 walks.

If the duo is looking to be at the top of the rotation at the start of next spring, they will need to continue their strong work not allowing runs to be scored and keeping runners off base.

Overall, both softball and baseball teams are disappointed with the early end to their seasons. With time to reflect on the work they did do this season, they can learn from both their mistakes and successes to become better players when they're allowed to get back onto the diamond next spring.

"The most important thing is that everybody is healthy," Raines said.

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## Texas State Parks, TPWD Facilities limit operations

Texas State Parks to Close Public-Serving Facilities and Programs Starting at 12 p.m. March 19; Law Enforcement, Boat Registration Offices Close to Public Visitation

AUSTIN— After careful evaluation of the ongoing public health situation, Texas State Parks will be limiting park programming and closing public access to park headquarters, visitor centers and park stores starting at 12 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

"Our main priority has always been the health and wellbeing of our visitors and staff, and in order to maintain this standard to the best of our abilities TPWD facilities will be modifying operations as a precautionary step towards protecting public health," said Carter Smith, Executive Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "While we have worked hard to provide access to state parks through much of Spring Break, we have now reached a point where changes are imperative for safety reasons. I am grateful to our State Parks team and volunteers for their valiant work during this exceedingly difficult time and thank our visitors for their patience and understanding as we continue to evaluate additional measures to ensure the safety of everyone in the parks."

As part of these operational changes, parks will be suspending all cash transactions where feasible. Visitors are encouraged to utilize the

self-pay stations, the online reservation system and credit card transactions at this time. Other reduced services include the suspension of equipment rentals and interpretive programs.

Park visitors should check the Texas State Parks Alert Map regularly for the latest information about the status of parks.

In addition to the operational changes at Texas State Parks, TPWD law enforcement and boat registration offices, including the license and boat registration counter at TPWD's Austin headquarters, will be closing to public visitation at 12 p.m., March 19. Texans needing to purchase hunting and fishing licenses, boat and motor owner transfers, and boat registration renewals are encouraged to visit [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) or call the department at (512) 389-4800.

These changes will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. TPWD will continue to monitor the evolving health situation with local and state officials and will adjust operations at department sites and facilities as necessary. The public is encouraged to follow the department's social media accounts and monitor its website for the most up to date information.

## Cowboys staying active in free agency

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

**Gerald McCoy signs three-year deal**

Dallas added some beef to their defensive front seven late Tuesday night when they signed the six-time Pro Bowler to a three-year contract with a maximum value of \$20.25 million.

The Oklahoma-product was the third overall pick of the 2010 NFL Draft and has played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Carolina Panthers.

The 32-year old veteran started all 16 games last season for Carolina and finished the year with 37 combined tackles, seven tackles for loss, and five sacks.

Over his 10-year career, the one-time All-Pro has posted 334 combined tackles, 86 tackles for loss, and 59.5 sacks.

McCoy will surely bring interior pressure up front and will make a nice pairing next to the pass rushing dominance of DeMarcus Lawrence.

**Anthony Brown re-ups with Cowboys for three more years**

Brown has signed a three-year deal to return to the Cowboys after a season cut short by a torn triceps injury. Brown was a sixth-round pick out of Purdue in 2016 and has carved himself a role as a Top 3 rotational cornerback for the Dallas defense. He has started 34 games over his first four seasons in the NFL and has snagged four interceptions. The inside-outside corner has also gathered 172 combined tackles and three forced fumbles.

The Cowboys are looking for more help at the cornerback position and have also expressed interest in free agent Desmond Trufant.

**Xavier Sua-Filo signs with Cincinnati**

The offensive lineman has agreed to a three-year deal with the Bengals after starting 12 games over the past two seasons in Dallas.

According to ESPN Cowboys reporter Todd Archer, "With Xavier Sua-Filo joining Cincinnati, the Cowboys will look to fill that interior offensive line spot in-house. Last year's third-round pick, Connor McGovern, missed the season with a pectoral injury but will be ready to go for whenever the offseason program starts. The 2018 second-round pick, Connor Williams is coming back from a torn ACL. The Cowboys are also trying to keep Joe Looney, their backup center the last four years."

If those moves can be made, then the loss of Sua-Filo will hurt a lot less.

**Cowboys keep their kicker**

Dallas agreed to a one-year deal with Kai Forbath on Wednesday. The kicker replaced Brett Maher late in the season and went 10-for-10 on field goals as well as converting all 10 of his point-after attempts.

The eight-year veteran has made 131-of-151 of his career field goal attempts (86.8%).

Forbath also serves as the teams kickoff specialist and will keep the Cowboys special teams group together for next season after the re-signing of long snapper L.P. Ladouceur on Tuesday.

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## Iconic Monaco GP canceled for 2020

PARIS (AP) — The iconic Monaco Grand Prix was canceled on Thursday because of the coronavirus outbreak and two other Formula One races were postponed.

F1's showcase race was scheduled for May 24 in the tiny principality on the Mediterranean coast between France and Italy.

Hours after being postponed, along with races in the Netherlands and Spain, it was scrapped for 2020.

A race has been held every year since 1955 on Monaco's sinewy street circuit, amid a backdrop of yachts, simmering blue water of the famed harbor, and clinking Champagne glasses of the rich and famous.

The Automobile Club de Monaco said in a statement Thursday evening that "the situation is no longer tenable" for hosting the race.

The Dutch GP was set to return to its re-vamped Zandvoort track outside Amsterdam to host an F1 race on May 3, for the first time since the late Niki Lauda won there in 1985. Spain was set to follow

on May 10.

Because of the latest postponements, the F1 season cannot get underway until June 7 at the Azerbaijan GP.

Governing body FIA said the season will begin "as soon as it is safe to do so."

Formula One and the FIA said they were taking these decisions "in order to ensure the health and safety of the traveling staff, championship participants and fans, which remains our primary concern."

For most people, the virus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover.

The season-opening Australian GP in Melbourne was called off only hours before it was due to start last Friday. The Bahrain GP, scheduled to start on Friday without fans, and the inaugural Vietnam GP on April 5 were then quickly called off. The Chinese GP

in Shanghai on April 19 was postponed in February.

The mid-season break has been moved from August to March and April and extended from 14 to 21 consecutive days. Teams can choose their 21-day period for ceasing activities. That will allow more flexibility in re-arranging races.

Also Thursday, the FIA, F1 and the 10 teams unanimously agreed to postpone the implementation of rule changes planned for 2021 until 2022. Because of the precarious financial situation, teams will save on costs by using this year's car chassis in 2021.

Following Azerbaijan is Canada on June 14, France on June 28 and then Austria on July 5.

The season is scheduled to end with the Abu Dhabi GP on Nov. 29, but could be extended to fit some postponed races in.

A total of eight races with 12 cars must be completed for the championship to be validated, FIA said.

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### Annie's Mailbox

#### Dateless Daughters

**Dear Annie:** We have two daughters, ages 30 and 32. They are both educated professionals. While they are completely self-sufficient financially (no debt because we paid for their higher education), we are still their "go-to" for emotional support. They are active socially with friends, colleagues and acquaintances, but neither daughter seems interested in dating. We are continually told by others that they are still "young" and that, these days, young people don't get married until their mid-30s. We get that, but if there is no

interest in dating now, how is marriage going to happen in the next five years?

How can we let this go? We've been happily married for 34 years and wish for that kind of love, companionship and support for our girls. -- Parents of Perpetually Single Daughters

**Dear Parents of Perpetually Single Daughters:** They're not broken, so stop trying to fix them up. You said it yourself that they are self-sufficient, have active social lives and value their relationships with you. There are plenty of parents reading this with envy. It's possible your girls

will partner off in the next few years; it's true that people are settling down later and later. But it's also possible that they'll never marry -- and that is OK. Just because something has brought you fulfillment and joy doesn't mean it's the right fit for your children. Try always to bring your focus back to your gratitude that they are happy and healthy.

**Dear Annie:** In yesterday's paper, you responded to a person who has been seven years sober and felt in a rut. I can understand. I have 28 years sober myself. Whenever I feel bad, I read this page in "The Big Book." This

is the 3rd edition and page 449. It has helped me through many a day. It reads: "Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing, or situation -- some fact of my life -- unacceptable to me, and I can find no serenity until I accept that person, place, thing, or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by mistake." Thank you for all your help. -- A friend of Bill W's

**Dear Friend of Bill's:** That is a rare pearl of wisdom -- one

anyone can glean insights from. Thank you for presenting it here.

**Dear Annie:** In response to the recent letter from "Alienated Alice," the woman with intractable body odor (trimethylaminuria), I have a suggestion that may help. I used to work in a health food store, and we found out that taking chlorophyll supplements (copper chlorophyllin, 180 mg a day to start) is more effective and longer lasting than other methods of controlling this problem. Other chlorophyll supplements should be explored as well as vitamin B2. There are also chlorophyll mouth rinses to

help control halitosis. I wish this poor lady the best of luck. -- Prom Queen

**Dear Prom Queen:** While I could no scientific studies to support the use of chlorophyll for trimethylaminuria, I did find some anecdotal posts on the internet from people who have had some success using this supplement. Before use, consult your doctor and see if this is something that could be beneficial.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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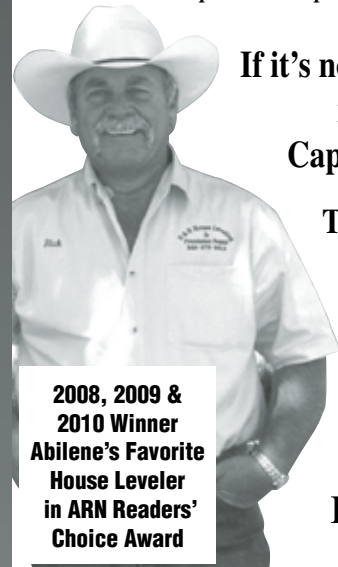
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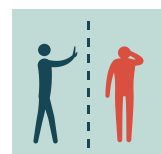
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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll learn what you want to know and you then, because you're responsible and smart, you'll also learn what you didn't want to know. This is the knowledge you'll need to delegate like a boss.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** "Forgive many things in others, nothing in yourself," suggested the poet Ausonius. The ancient world was harsh! These days, you'll do better to extend the same kindness inward and outward.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Confidence is gained by taking risks. It's the only route really. Pretending to be confident will usually lead to taking the actual risk necessary to achieve confidence.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll be a thought leader today, whether you want to be or not. The responsibility is something to consider before you make a move. "What if everybody did the same thing?" is a relevant question.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It doesn't matter if it takes a week or a year to read a book, involving yourself in the world between book covers is one of

the best things you could possibly do for your inner experience.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** What if you believed that the well was never dry? In some ways, this is true. There's a time to budget and a time not to worry so much about it. A scarcity mentality won't serve you today.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** New ventures, new chaos. Excitement and disorder are inextricably linked. And if you want another way to think about it, maybe it's not "disorder" so much as an "extra order" we just don't understand yet.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The endeavor that appeals to you will be the one in which you are able to radiate your personal style. If you cannot add who you are to what you do, it will not seem worth doing at all.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your experience will be ever-enhanced by sharing. It's a way to live in the past and the present simultaneously. You'll forward what you love and enjoy the enthusiasm that ripples back to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** As for those negative

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



thoughts that serve no one, the first step is to be aware you're having them. Many people tune out the din as one would tune out the

traffic noises from a freeway next to home.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The way a dog sees it, your hands are absolutely magical. They can open doors and manage packaging and are basically the conduits to another world. To feel wonder, take another point of view.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20).** You're in sync with the cosmic timetable and will love the rhythm of the year. Busy times will be punctuated by loving lulls; comfortable, lazy relationships rev up just in time to rock major events. It's as though what's ticking inside you is meeting up with destiny's watch. You'll bank money in May and spend it in October. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 2, 11, 24 and 17.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** ARIES: Don't let the excitement of a new relationship overshadow the closeness of a worn one. TAURUS: When you know what is expected, you're more excited to deliver that. Not know-

ing what's expected is scary. GEMINI: Partners come with families. For this to work, you have to get along with both. CANCER: People put pressure on one another without realizing that's what they are doing. LEO: A shared favorite song is as good a start as any. VIRGO: The ones who make you laugh will own your heart. LIBRA: Dates don't have to be expensive to be excellent. It's the conversation that makes it great, not the atmosphere. SCORPIO: A lot of energy will be expended in an effort to please someone. SAGITTARIUS: Different relationships are equipped to bridge different eras of life. CAPRICORN: Traveling together is a great test of compatibility. AQUARIUS: It's not always appropriate to speak the rattle of your inside voice. You'll know when it works. PISCES: It's easier to get to know someone in a casual atmosphere than it is in a formal one, provided the person is a casual person.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Aquarius and Aries both start with an "A" in English, and that's a fact that ends their similarities. Aquarius is the intellectual air sign that embraces, supports and celebrates the best of humanity, and Aries is the fire sign that wants to keep proving Aquarius right about the worthiness of that effort. These two are an excellent business team, and their tie often originates in a working relationship.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:  
North East South West  
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♣ Pass ?  
What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?  
1. ♠ Q9743 ♥ 8 ♦ Q65 ♣ J962  
2. ♠ KJ852 ♥ 953 ♦ A94 ♣ Q7  
3. ♠ KQ6532 ♥ 6 ♦ KQ5 ♣ J32  
4. ♠ Q7643 ♥ K9872 ♦ 10 ♣ 94  
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- Four spades.** Partner's four-club bid is a slam try indicating good spade support and guaranteeing first-round club control. The two-notrump opening announced 20 to 21 points and balanced distribution (though not necessarily adequate spade support). But the four-club bid redefines partner's values as a maximum with good spades. You are therefore in good position to gauge partner's values, but since you have an absolute minimum for your previous bid and know that a slam is virtually impossible, you should sign off at four spades. Partner may have a hand that looks something like: ♠ AK6 ♥ K72 ♦ A104 ♣ AK85, in which case even four spades is in jeopardy.
- Four diamonds.** This time you have a far better hand and should identify it by bidding four diamonds. If partner then bids four hearts — still another slam try — you should willingly undertake six spades. But if, over four diamonds, partner retreats to four spades, you are best advised to pass.
- Four notrump.** This is Blackwood, pure and simple. You plan to bid six spades if partner's response shows either three or four aces. Of course, if partner indicates only two aces, you will stop at five spades. It is possible that if partner has exactly the right hand, including all the aces, you might make a grand slam. But since you have no way of knowing for sure, the most sensible move is to settle for the small slam.
- Four spades.** You may be tempted to bid four hearts at this point, but that action should be firmly resisted. Partner is trying to get to a slam in spades, and the best way of talking him out of this notion is to bid four spades and let him know that you have no interest in slam. A four-heart bid at this point would constitute a cooperative move toward slam and could get you into a lot of trouble.

Tomorrow: Improving on the probabilities.  
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Fun By The Numbers  
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

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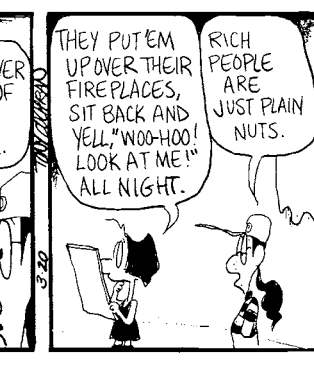


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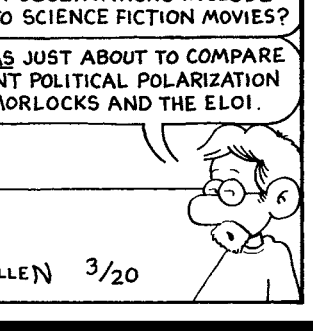
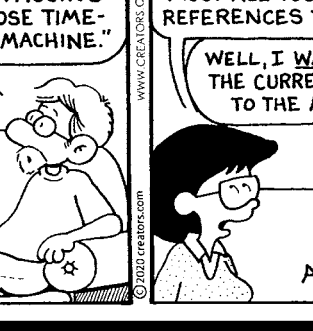
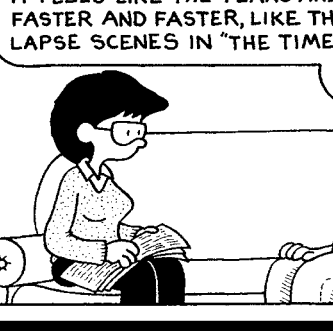
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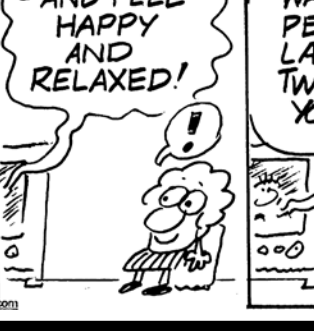
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Friday, March 20, the 80th day of 2020. There are 286 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 20, 1854, the Republican Party of the United States was founded by slavery opponents at a schoolhouse in Ripon (RIH'puhn), Wisconsin.

On this date:

In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In 1760, a 10-hour fire erupted in Boston, destroying 349 buildings and burning 10 ships, but claiming no lives.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1899, Martha M. Place of Brooklyn, New York, became the first woman to be executed in the electric chair as she was put to death at Sing Sing for the murder of her stepdaughter.

In 1933, the state of Florida electrocuted Giuseppe Zangara for shooting to death Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak at a Miami event attended by President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, the presumed target, the previous February.

In 1942, U.S. Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur, having evacuated the Philippines at the order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, told reporters in Terowie, Australia: "I came out of Bataan, and I shall return."

In 1952, the U.S. Senate ratified, 66-10, a Security Treaty with Japan.

In 1976, kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. (Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison; she was released after serving 22 months, and was pardoned in 2001 by President Bill Clinton.)

In 1977, voters in Paris chose former French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to be the French capital's first mayor in more than a century.

In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the deadly chemical sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo (ohm shin-ree-kyoh) cult members.

In 1996, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Erik and Lyle Menendez of first-degree murder in the shotgun slayings of their wealthy parents. (They were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

In 2004, hundreds of thou-

sands of people worldwide rallied against the U.S.-led war in Iraq on the first anniversary of the start of the conflict. The U.S. military charged six soldiers with abusing inmates at the Abu Ghraib prison.

Ten years ago: Pope Benedict XVI sent an unprecedented letter to Ireland apologizing for chronic child abuse within the Roman Catholic Church, but failed to calm anger of many victims. Thousands of protesters — many directing their anger squarely at President Barack Obama — marched through the nation's capital to urge immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. Former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall died in Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 90. Lady Bird Johnson's former press secretary, Liz Carpenter, died in Austin, Texas, at 89.

Five years ago: A jury in Gadsden, Alabama, convicted 49-year-old Joyce Hardin Garrard of capital murder for running to death her 9-year-old granddaughter, Savannah Hardin. (Garrard was sentenced to life in prison without parole; she died in February 2016.) Suicide bombers attacked a pair of mosques in the capital of Yemen, unleashing blasts that killed 137 people. Former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, 84, died in Canberra. Actor Gregory Walcott ("Plan 9 from Outer Space") died in Los Angeles at age 87.

One year ago: Mike Trout and the Los Angeles Angels announced agreement on a \$426.5 million, 12-year contract, a record deal that would tie baseball's top player to the Angels for what would likely be the rest of his career. As Republican lawmakers denounced his comments, President Donald Trump aimed new investigative at the late Sen. John McCain, claiming credit for McCain's moving Washington funeral and complaining that he was never properly thanked. A U.N. court upheld the genocide and war crimes convictions of ex-Bosnian Serb President Radovan Karadzic and sentenced him to life behind bars.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Dame Vera Lynn is 103. Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is 98. Actor Hal Linden is 89. Former Canadian prime minister Brian

Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee) is 81. Country singer Don Edwards is 81. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Pat Riley is 75. Country singer-musician Ranger Doug (Riders in the Sky) is 74. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Orr is 72. Blues singer-musician Marcia Ball is 71. Actor William Hurt is 70. Rock musician Carl Palmer (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 70. Rock musician Jimmie

Vaughan is 69. Country musician Jim Seales (formerly w/ Shenandoah) is 66. Actress Amy Aquino (ah-KEE'-noh) is 63. Movie director Spike Lee is 63. Actress Theresa Russell is 63. Actress Vanessa Bell Calloway is 63. Actress Holly Hunter is 62. Rock musician Slim Jim Phantom (The Stray Cats) is 59. Actress-model-designer Kathy Ireland is 57. Actor David Thewlis is 57.

Rock musician Adrian Oxaal (James) is 55. Actress Jessica Lundy is 54. Actress Liza Snyder is 52. Actor Michael Rapaport is 50. Actor Alexander Chaplin is 49. Actor Cedric Yarbrough is 47. Actress Paula Garcés is 46. Actor Michael Genadry is 42. Actress Bianca Lawson is 41. Comedian-actor Mikeay Day is 40. Actor Nick Blood (TV: "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.") is 38. Rock

musician Nick Wheeler (The All-American Rejects) is 38. Actor Michael Cassidy is 37. Actress-singer Christy Carlson Romano is 36. Actress Ruby Rose is 34. Actress Barrett Doss is 31.

Thought for Today: "Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes." — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American writer and poet (1803-1882).

Newsday Crossword

HEARTWARMING HANKS by S.N.

- Edited by Stanley Newman  
www.stanxwords.com
- ACROSS**
- 1 Study with equations, for short
  - 5 Flies the coop
  - 10 Read in haste
  - 14 Blowout of a bout
  - 15 "Rubber Duckie" singer
  - 16 Sci-fi submariner
  - 17 With 64 Across, 2019 Hanks film
  - 20 Capital of Aragon
  - 21 Historic events
  - 22 Fraction of a foot-pound
  - 23 Pointy-hatted figurine
  - 25 Imply
  - 26 Procedure part
  - 28 Force seen in Spider-Man films
  - 30 Lavish affection
  - 31 Inspector "for wholesomeness"
  - 34 2015 Verizon buy
  - 36 Exclusionary connector
  - 37 With 40 Across, Hanks' role in 17/64 Across
  - 40 See 37 Across
  - 42 Cloud computing giant
  - 43 Big stack of bills
  - 45 Person famed for wisdom
  - 46 "High" water
  - 48 Marco Polo traversed it
  - 50 Mouse hunters
  - 54 Wares, infomally
  - 56 Center of the Incan Empire
  - 59 Response to bewilderment
  - 60 Dealer's order
- DOWN**
- 1 Fast-fading hot stuff
  - 2 Capital of Tasmania
  - 3 Become famous
  - 4 Film reviewing org.
  - 5 Back at a track
  - 6 48th state
  - 7 Honor's opposite
  - 8 Viper voice in Kung Fu Panda
  - 9 Ego
  - 10 Caught in a con
  - 11 Linchpin
  - 12 Parrot, for instance
  - 13 Centaurs, dragons, etc.
  - 18 Fleecy boot
  - 19 Mocking remark
  - 24 Publisher of recycling guides
  - 27 Mock, with "down"
  - 29 Nickelodeon toon quester
  - 32 Be in a bee
  - 33 It's no fun
  - 35 Keep a record of
  - 37 Unsuitable pairing
  - 38 Dupe's lament
  - 39 Tops in style
  - 41 Graphical prefix
  - 44 Exam conductor's nickname
  - 45 Rather large
  - 47 Hamlet's Act I ender
  - 49 Rather large quantity
  - 51 Elation exclamations
  - 52 Landau's Oscar role
  - 53 Choice of lipstick
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  - 57 Irascible
  - 58 Visking ship's propeller
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  - 63 Cuisine with green curry
  - 65 Wonder-full comment

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# Highlighting Howard County Athletic Stars



Submitted by Wendy Clark

Big Spring Steers Girls Powerlifting team at Regionals.

Submitted by Susan Marie  
My son Jake Bunning is a 7th grader at Coahoma. He ran the 200 Meter Dash coming in 1st place with a 27.8 second time beating out 17 other competitors from all six schools. This picture was taken at their first and only track meet of the season. He was only just getting started. He also plays football and basketball. I'm already looking forward to next year!



## Indiana's new AD takes on dream job during trying times

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

Two days after Scott Dolson accepted his dream job, he walked into an unimaginable transition.

Indiana's newly selected athletic director locked himself into his office while those nearby worked with skeleton crews. Students were gone. Spring sports had been canceled and the anticipation of seeing the Hoosiers' men's and women's basketball teams start NCAA Tournament runs had ended.

Instead, Dolson did his introductory news conference by phone, unable to predict when things could return to normal — or how all these changes may affect the department's fiscal bottom line.

It's the new reality for athletic departments everywhere.

"What we've been doing here in the last few days is trying to evaluate as best we can the impact on canceled events, the impact on what we're hearing in potential NCAA Tournament money, trying to figure out the impact," he said Thursday. "We're doing all we can to be on the offensive, knowing there are other measures we can take now, knowing we could take some hits, to mitigate those as best we can."

Dolson understands the challenge better than most, having weaved his way through the ranks from student basketball manager in the fall of 1984 through his most recent job as the department's deputy athletic director and chief operating officer.

But whenever the retiring Fred Glass actually leaves this summer, Dolson will inherit a situation

nobody could have foreseen even a month ago.

He doesn't know when games will resume or classes will restart. He's not sure when athletes will again be able to participate in group workouts. And even a self-avowed numbers guy can't say whether Indiana's streak of operating in the black every fiscal year since 2009 will remain intact.

What he, like counterparts at other schools, is trying to do now is remain nimble with so much in flux.

"We haven't really gotten into too much trying to project how long it's going to go on," Dolson said, referring to his most recent conversations with Glass. "But we have talked about sort of our transition moving forward."

Dolson appears to be as well-positioned to take over in these unprecedented times as anyone could.

He became Glass' right-hand man in 2009 after spending seven years in charge of the school's Varsity Club. He's overseen compliance services, athletic performance, finances, strategic communications, fan experience and an array of facilities upgrades that Dolson and Glass continually funded without deficit spending.

The projects have included upgrades for everything from the football stadium to the venerable Assembly Hall to baseball and softball fields, the golf course, even lower-profile Olympic sports.

And while some funding came from the shared revenue of the Big Ten Network, it's unclear how the cancellation of the league's men's basketball tournament and the subsequent ticket refunds

coupled with the potential of multi-million dollar losses from NCAA Tournament payouts may impact the Hoosiers' budgets this year or next.

For now, Dolson is doing what he can to adapt.

"It's really important for me, we have an incredible relationship with our (university) CFO, John Sejdinaj, who is extremely talented," Dolson said. "We meet regularly with him, coordinate all our financial aspects with him. That's critical moving forward."

Budgeting is only part of the issue.

After seeing the Hoosiers football team post its best record since 1993, the Hoosiers men's basketball team projected to make its first NCAA Tourney since 2016 and the Hoosiers women's basketball team seemingly in the mix to host NCAA Tourney games, Indiana had momentum heading into the summer and fall ticket seasons.

Now, with everything on hold, Dolson must figure out how to keep generating excitement with a fan base that knows winning has suddenly taken a backseat to public safety.

"While I'm humbled and honored, I want to make clear our focus has been and will continue to be on the pandemic and dealing with the current challenges," he said. "Without question, the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches and staff is our No. 1 priority and we will do everything we can to support all of our IU athletics family in any way possible moving forward."

## Saints coach Payton says he tested positive for coronavirus

Special to the Herald

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton learned Thursday that he has tested positive for the coronavirus, he told ESPN.

Payton is the first employee of either an NFL team or the league to make such a diagnosis public. He told the network that he came forward to motivate people to educate themselves about what they can do to help fight the pandemic.

Payton said he took the test Monday after he began to feel ill a day earlier, but also said he has not been admitted to a hospital and does not have a fever or cough. The 56-year-old coach said he has been resting comfortably at home, where is in in self-quar-

antine.

"I was fortunate to be in the minority, without the serious side effects that some have. I'm lucky," Payton told ESPN.

"Younger people feel like they can handle this, but they can be a carrier to someone who can't handle it. So we all need to do our part. It's important for every one of us to do our part."

Payton said he felt it was important to be particularly vigilant in Louisiana and the New Orleans area because of international tourist traffic, especially around recently concluded Mardi Gras festivities.

"So our parents, and those that are more susceptible to this virus, deserve everyone doing their best to combat it," Payton

said. "There are hundreds of people right now in tough predicaments, fighting for their lives. Let's be part of the solution, not the problem."

We can easily help reduce the numbers of those impacted. We have to do our best to beat this.

"This is not just about social distancing," Payton said. "It's shutting down here for a week to two weeks. If people understand the curve, and understand the bump, we can easily work together as a country to reduce it."

"Take a minute to understand what the experts are saying. It's not complicated to do what they're asking of us. Just that type of small investment by every one of us will have a dramatic impact."

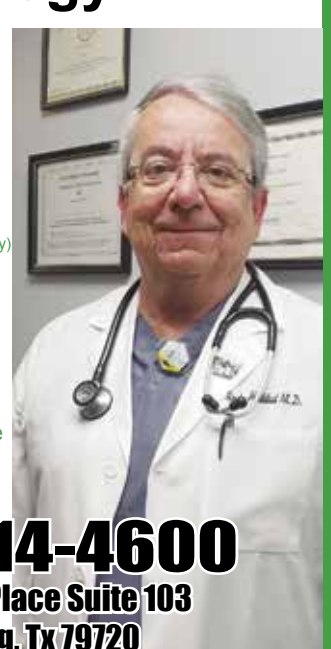
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