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**Cancellations/Postponed events:**  
*Big Spring Film Festival Postponed until later date*  
*National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative for April 25*  
*No School for Forsan ISD, Coahoma ISD, Big Spring ISD through March 27*  
*Pints for Polio for March 21*  
*No dates have been set, but will be released as soon as possible.*  
*Big Spring Symphony Fashion Show Fundraiser 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.*  
*Health Fair for April 4 has been postponed until August 8.*  
 Upcoming Events  
 April 4  
 Annual Trash Off  
 9 a.m. - Noon  
 Dorothy Garrett Coliseum parking lot

**Murder suspect in custody**

*Big Spring Police Dept. make arrest in recent murder investigation*

*Editor's Note: The Big Spring Police Department issued the following press release regarding a recent murder investigation. While the investigation is still ongoing, an arrest has been made.*

**Special to the Herald**

On March 5, 2020, at approximately 1:37 a.m., an officer with the Big Spring Police Department observed a silver in color, 2004, Chrysler PT Cruiser, parked on the south side of Kent Kwik located in the 300 block of South Gregg Street. The officer checked out the vehicle and observed a male subject, later identified as Ramiro De La Rosa, a Hispanic male, 64 years of age, of Odessa, Texas, sitting in the front passenger seat, slumped over, and suffering from an apparent assault. Big Spring Fire Department Medics responded to the scene for medical treatment.



Ramiro De La Rosa was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and then flown to University Medical Center located in Lubbock Texas due to facial fractures. Ramiro De La Rosa ultimately succumbed to his injuries and passed away at University Medical Center.



**Raul Mendez**

Big Spring Police Department Criminal Investigation Division Detectives along with the Texas Rangers conducted a murder investigation. During the course of the investigation, Investigators developed a suspect identified as Raul Mendez, a Hispanic male, 40 years of age. Investigators had obtained the security video from Kent Kwik which clearly showed Ramiro De La Rosa's vehicle on the south side of the build-

ing. Investigators also observed a black passenger vehicle later identified as a black in color, 2015, Toyota Camry, pull into the Kent Kwik parking lot. Investigators then observed Mr. Mendez exit the Toyota Camry and approach Ramiro De La Rosa while Ramiro was sitting in the driver's seat of the PT Cruiser. Shortly later, Raul Mendez was observed removing an item from his left rear pocket which was later identified as brass knuckles. The video shows that Raul Mendez punched Ramiro De La Rosa in the head and face area several times with the brass knuckles. On March 18, 2020, at approximately 12:15 p.m. Investigators placed Raul Mendez under arrest for unrelated charges. Investigators had developed probable cause to believe Mr. Mendez

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**West Texas VA responding well to COVID-19**

*Community partnerships, Tele-health, Video-conference among many avenues being utilized during this time*

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Healthcare workers are on the front lines of the newest battle – COVID-19 – and in order to not overwhelm the available resources, healthcare facilities across the nation are stepping up processes and setting up screening points. The West Texas VA in Big Spring is not only adhering to state and federal recommendations, but is also working closely with local hospitals and emergency preparedness teams.



*Courtesy photo*

VA nationwide – along with other local and area hospitals - has moved to 100 percent screening at all the entrances. Entrances are being restricted to one entrance at facilities; locally it is the Main Outpatient Lobby entrance in Big Spring. Staff will be interacting and ask a few simple screening questions as veterans arrive at each site. "These are not very intrusive, not detailed oriented medical history, or an involved medical exam, it's asking a couple of questions if you are having flu like symptoms, travel to certain areas," Jason Cave, Interim West Texas VA Director, said. "The point there is if there's a suspected case of

Human Resources Specialist Felix Holguin screens a visitor to the West Texas VA Health Care System as part of VHA's efforts to ensure the health and wellbeing of our Veterans, staff and visitors. As part of this process, everyone who enters the campus will be pre-screened, and visitors must be 18 years of age or older. This may lengthen entry times, so patients are advised to allow for that when arriving for their appointments. COVID-19 we want to know as soon as possible before they have walked to different clinical areas." In the long term community living center, enhanced precautions have been implemented for the past few weeks, limited traffic has been one of the biggest focuses. While the floor is home to hospice patients, there are cases that

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**Howard County Commissioners to meet; public encouraged to attend via live stream**

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The Howard County Commissioners will conduct business as usual during a regular meeting on Monday, March 23. The meeting will take place at 3:30 p.m. and the community is encouraged to attend via live-stream at <https://facebook.com/Howard-County-Info-Tech-110733893888746/>. Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman will open up the meeting with discussion and possible action by welcoming Mavour Braswell, Howard County Librarian, before Braswell presents information pertaining to the Family Place Grant. Braswell will also be asking the Commissioners for approval regarding a Memorandum of Understanding be-

tween the Howard County Library and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, along with an MOU with Big Spring ISD and the Howard County Library.

As part of the County Auditor's report, the court will be looking to approve invoices, purchase requests and any presented budget amendments. The County Treasurer will be presenting the Monthly Payroll report and Treasurer's Monthly Report both from February along with any personnel considerations. Before concluding the meeting, Brian Klinksiek, Road Engineer, will be providing a roadway maintenance update and Commissioner Jimmie Long will introduce a presentation

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## Obituaries

### 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 Lorraine, Texas, to Bobbie and Otis Thornton. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1964. Carol married Billy Turner March 19, 2007. She was a sales associate at Walmart for 15 years.

Carol is survived by her husband: Billy Turner of Big Spring; daughter: Shannon Carrillo and her husband Sammy of Big Spring; granddaughters: Haley Carrillo and Erin Carrillo; grandson: Luke Carrillo; daughter: Mathea Little and her husband Quinten; granddaughter: Alleza Little; special aunt: Theda Perez; mother in love: Doreatha Horton and her husband Mo of Big Spring;

brother in love: Robert Turner and his wife Wanda of Coahoma; sister in love: Brenda Elmore and her husband David of Coahoma; nieces: Kim Hardin and her husband Kevin of Temple, Tori Martinez and her husband Andres of Midland, Kerri Rosenbaum and her husband Chris of Big Spring, Balinda Turner of Lubbock, and Jenny Contreras and her husband Julian; her favorite nephew: Brent Elmore and his wife Heidi; one special friend: Carol Morehead; her fur babies: Buffy Maria, Shadow Wayne and Cocoa Marie; and numerous great nieces and great nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Carol was preceded in death by her father: Otis Thornton and her mother: Bobbie Vaughn; brother: Danny Thornton; aunts: Nell Thornton and Susie Holt; uncle: Buddie Thornton; father in love: Ocie Turner.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Gayla Dell Williams

Gayla Dell Williams, 65, a life-time resident of Big Spring went to heaven on Thursday, March 19, 2020. The funeral home will be open for viewing from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22. Please share a favorite memory you have of Gayla and leave it in our memory basket. The family will receive friends between 2 and 3:30 on Sunday, March 22. There will be a private celebration of Gayla's life on Monday, March 23, at 11 a.m. Due

to the current nationwide pandemic, the service will be recorded and available on YouTube at a later date.

Gayla was born on Oct. 6, 1954, in Big Spring. She graduated from BSHS in 1972 and West Texas State University in 1976 and received her Master's degree in 1978. She started her teaching career in business classes at Colorado City HS, then at Coahoma HS.

Currently, she was a professor at Howard College and had been there for 35 years. She was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church and served by singing in the choir and also keeping little ones in the toddler's class for over 30 years.

She is survived by two sisters, Lila Adkins & Lana Piercefield (husband, Gene) of Big Spring; one niece, Dr. Larissa Fletcher of Houston; five nephews, Leslie Adkins (Kellie) of Dallas, Landon Adkins (Sara) of Frisco, Kyle Piercefield (Andrea) of Kingwood; Michael Piercefield (Stephanie), & Matthew Piercefield (Lexi) all of Big Spring; five great nieces, and eight great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Floyd & Ima Dell Williams and one brother-in-law, Larry Adkins.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Mission Fund at Trinity Baptist, 1701 East FM 700, Big Spring.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Juanita "Pete" Smith

Juanita "Pete" Smith, 96, of Big Spring died Monday, March 16, 2020. Private family services will be at a later date.

Juanita was born March 3, 1924 in Snyder to Ruby and George Collier. She was a manager of the Sahara Drive-in, and was a lifetime resident of Howard County.

She loved to travel, ceramics, and collecting antiques.

Juanita is survived by one daughter: Susie Combs of Big Spring; four grandchildren: Jimmy Combs and his wife Pat of San Antonio, Joe Combs of Big Spring, Sherida Drinkard of Big Spring, and Robert Smith of Big Spring; two great grandchildren:

Aaron Combs of Big Spring and Everly Feeley of Big Spring.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Charles W. Smith; one son: Chuck Smith; two brothers: Jack Collier and E. L. Collier; sisters: baby sister, Edith Harrell and Gladys Clinton.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Happy Day Humane Society, P. O. Box 2009, Big Spring, Texas 79721; condolences may be sent to P. O. Box 1288, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Take Note

• 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.

• The Alzheimer's Association West Texas Chapter will host the Big Spring Community Forum on March 26, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Big Spring Senior Center, located at 100 Whipkey. The event is free, but space is limited. RSVP to West-Texas@alz.org, call 1-800-272-3900, or go to the link at [bit.ly/ConfBS20](http://bit.ly/ConfBS20). More information can also be found at [www.alz.org/westtexas](http://www.alz.org/westtexas).

• 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.

• 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.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discus-

sions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible?

There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• Food2Kids will again be providing sack lunches to children in the Big Spring area who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It takes just a couple of hours of your time, and the work is very rewarding. The next sacking event of this 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, March 2 and Tuesday March 3, and they will continue throughout the year on the first Monday and Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, just show up at Lakeview High School located at 1107 N.W. 7th St., at 5:30 p.m. You can follow their Facebook page for additional information <https://www.facebook.com/food2kids/>.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Senior and/or mature adults are invited to come to a dance every first and third Friday each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive. Come two-step the evening away, or just mingle with old friends and make new friends. Dances are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live entertainment. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Cost is \$5 per person.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

## Special Hours:

**Porters** - 9am-10am "Senior Hour"  
10am-8p Everyone

**HEB** - 8am-8pm

**Walmart** - 7am-8:30pm

**Dollar General** - 8am-9am Elderly and disabled  
9am-9pm Everyone  
DG Birdwell - 9am-8pm Everyone

**Bargain Mart** - 9am-6:30pm (Mon.-Sat.)

**Cinemark Cinema 4** - Closed

**Locals** - 11am-2pm

**City of Big Spring** - closing all city owned rental facilities until at least April 20th

**Churchwell Insurance** - Office Building Temporarily Closed

**Yellow Rose Café** - will be closed to the public until further notice.

**Country Pride Restaurant** - 6am-11pm carry-out only; Serving full menu

**Texas Cajun Café** - Temporarily Closed starting 3/21/2020

**Wild West Wingz** - Starting 3/21/20, will only be Pickup window, curbside, takeout, and delivery. You can order by calling 432 517 4368; new hours:

Mon-Thurs 11am-9pm

Fri-Sat 11am-10pm

**Crispy's Café** - Starting 3/21/2020 Monday-Friday 11am-7:30pm

They will offer take-out orders, curbside and delivery. More details to come.

If you are a Business that has changed your hours or added delivery or any changes during the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) situation let us know.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on Courtney Place. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of N. Birdwell. No transport was required.

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

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

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Main St. and S. 9th St. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Marijo. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of W. 7th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Dixie. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of S. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

• **FIRE** was reported in the 600 block of Father Delaney.

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**VA**  
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visitation is allowed. In addition to limited traffic in facilities, visitors are being limited to those 18 years of age and older. VHA has set the bar high out of an abundance of caution to protect the most vulnerable of our population. Many Veterans have a significant occurrence of co-morbidity health care concerns. This bar is set to protect our Veterans, staff and visitors.

“By and large -VA wide - no traffic is allowed on long term care units,” Cave said. “As everyone has seen that is the vulnerable population, more likely to have complications or get severely sick if there is an outbreak here.”

While the implementation of new policies, processes and procedures have been taking place, according to Cave the majority of the community who has accessed the local VA has not been too inconvenienced or at least hasn't stated large amounts of frustration. As Cave was conducting a shift for visitors screening, he received positive feedback from veterans and their families.

“I had a few express their gratitude for us doing this. They express they are glad we are doing this and glad that we are taking it seriously,” he said. “Occasionally someone may ask why we are doing this if there is a little bit of a wait, which thankfully we haven't had too much of a halt with this process.”

Also in an effort to support social distancing and in order to do their part in slowing the spread of COVID-19, the meeting rooms located at the West Texas VA and in other locations, have restricted use from outside organizations at this time. For meetings that are still taking place within VA - tabletops, town halls, etc. - Skype and other teleconferencing capabilities are being implemented.

Tele-health and virtual care modalities have been on the forefront of VA healthcare for the past few years now and with the COVID-19 pandemic these measures add a leg up in VA and healthcare access options.

“This is really one of the major opportunities here. A good portion of that infrastructure was in place and a lot of veterans who prefer face to face

and hadn't given it a try are asking,” Cave said. “We have actually had veterans calling and asking to convert their appointment to virtual. The flip side is that we are able to reach out and offer veterans to switch to a telephone visit or VA virtual visit.”

He continued, “The fact that we don't have to start from scratch. We have VA Video Connect which is a secure video app that we can connect and use to see your provider. That infrastructure was set up before this crisis.”

As the emphasis on social distancing is increasing, the West Texas VA has been reaching out to clients to offer up the different tele-health and VA Connect opportunities that are available regarding upcoming appointments. A call from Cave went out to veterans who have been served through the West Texas VA to inform them of the measures that are being put into place regarding COVID-19.

Partnerships within the community have been forming for many years between VA and other healthcare providers. There are avenues that have not been provided in the local VA that have been sourced out to local hospitals and other facilities; the partnerships that have formed from these years of collaborations and partnerships offers a strong framework for the ability to deal collectively with COVID-19, within the community.

“I have to give kuddos to Mrs. Krabill at Scenic Mountain. Very early, weeks ago, we had reached out to each other to discuss and form a collaboration and took part in some tabletop exercises,” Cave said. “They were so receptive, so helpful and a shared sense of we will get through this together as a community.”

He continued, “Many will remember that spirit of service where everyone comes together that emerged around 9/11, that mentality that now is the time to come together and try to save lives. A little bit of that spirit has been shining through not just with hospitals, but Municipalities, Fire & Rescue, and EMS.”

During this ever evolving time with COVID-19, the West Texas VA stands strong in its commitment to support veterans and their families. Cave and the VA staff ask for patience as processes are implemented for the safety of every veteran who is passing through VA facilities.

“We know these precautions may be frustrating at times, but our first thing is bear with us. We are doing this out of an abundance of caution as we try to make sure we protect our veterans and people who are vulnerable to this,” Cave said.

Mental health is an area of health that Cave highly encouraged people to pay attention to. With all the information flooding through daily about COVID-19 it is easy to get distracted and overwhelmed.

“Take it easy and focus on yourself and your family,” he said. “There are a lot more stressors with the schools and a lot of other things we are seeing. We encourage all veterans and their families to give themselves time and space to protect their mental health and lesson anxiety.”

For years it has been discussed, around the world, the next big battle we face won't look like those we have fought in the past. While nobody has truly known what to expect; whether it be cyber attack or what not, it seems that the battle we are fighting right now is the new battle.

“While nobody thought the battle would be hand hygiene, that seems to be really what it is,” Cave said.

He continued, “Be cognizant about social distancing. Even if you don't feel sick remember this is hitting people differently. While you may not think you are an at risk group, you can still spread germs to those who are. Even if it's not COVID, another virus even ... hand hygiene. We can't say enough about it.”

For those who may not have sanitizer, hand washing with warm water and soap is as effective if not more so when it comes to the coronavirus.

Those who are experiencing flu-like symptoms - worsening cough, fever over 101.4 or shortness of breath - are encouraged to call before arriving at a facility. The 24-hour nurse triage line is 866-862-7863. The West Texas VA is utilizing social media avenues, word of mouth, local media and internal communications. More specific information regarding COVID-19 can also be found on the CDC, Texas Department of Public Health, and World Health Organization websites.

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**Weather**



**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Cloudy, with a high near 51. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. East wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 77. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

**Monday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 78.

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

**BSPD**

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murdered Ramiro De La Rosa at which time an arrest warrant affidavit was presented to a magistrate and an arrest warrant was issued for Raul Mendez for the offense of Murder. Mr. Mendez was then also charged with the murder of Mr. De La Rosa. Raul Mendez has been booked into the Howard County Jail and bond has been set at \$750,000.

This continues to be an ongoing investigation and no further information is available at this time.

**City of Big Spring suspends use of city park playground structures, pavillions**

**Special to the Herald**

The City of Big Spring will be following CDC guidelines and the executive order by Governor Abbott concerning COVID-19 and will be closing all city

park playground structures and park pavilions including: Kidz Zone, Cotton

Mize softball field, playground structures at ABC Park, Bert Andries Park, Dr., Morgan Park, and any other city owned playground structure or pavilion until at least April 20th. The date of closure has the possibility to extend. We also ask that you refrain from gathering in groups of 10 or more during this time so we can help stop the spread of COVID-19.

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



**COUNTY**

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by Russell Callahan with the Texas Comptroller's Office: County Assistance District.

A budget workshop will take place before the regular meeting, at 3 p.m. in the conference room.

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

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## DAILY PRAYER

*You, Lord, have walked with us  
and blessed us from the moment of  
birth. Thank You.*

*Amen*

# Mush, you huskies!

A man in Muleshoe ran the Iditarod dog sled race in Alaska. He did it a couple of times.

Dog sled racing is a popular activity in Alaska. “They have a lot of sprint racing,” says Mac McLeod. “It’s a family activity with the women and kids joining in. It’s mostly on weekends and they have 3, 5 and 10-mile races. They’ve got any type of mushing you want, either sprint or distance. Sprint mushers usually start with 16 or 18 dogs. You can still win a race starting with 16 dogs and dropping to 12 the second day and down to 8 on the third day. A small team doesn’t mean that it doesn’t have the speed. When you’re on distance racing the smaller teams out on the ice along the coast have an advantage over the larger teams because they don’t get blown around by the wind out on the ice.”

Mac spent 30 years in Alaska. He went there to work on offshore oil rigs, then got into salmon fishing and built a successful business with that. He says Pacific salmon is better than Atlantic

and the best salmon is sockeye, also known as red.

He participated in the Iditarod in 1988 and came in 22nd out of 84 mushers. He spent a lot of time training his dogs. “I learned how to build strength and speed. Once the snow came I would load my sled with 300 pounds of sand bags and go into the mountains and make my dogs really work for a 20 or 30 mile run. The next day I would take them out with an empty sled where they can just run.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

You build strength one day and speed the following day. Before going to the mountains I would start on the beach in the sand. I tied the sled to the bumper of a big pickup and had the team pull it. The pickup was just idling along in the sand.”

The Iditarod is from Anchorage to Nome, a distance of 1,120 miles, and starts the first Saturday in March.

It takes about 10 days to run the race, with the mushers traveling more than 100 miles a day over the ice and snow. “Most mushers run 4 hours on and 4 hours

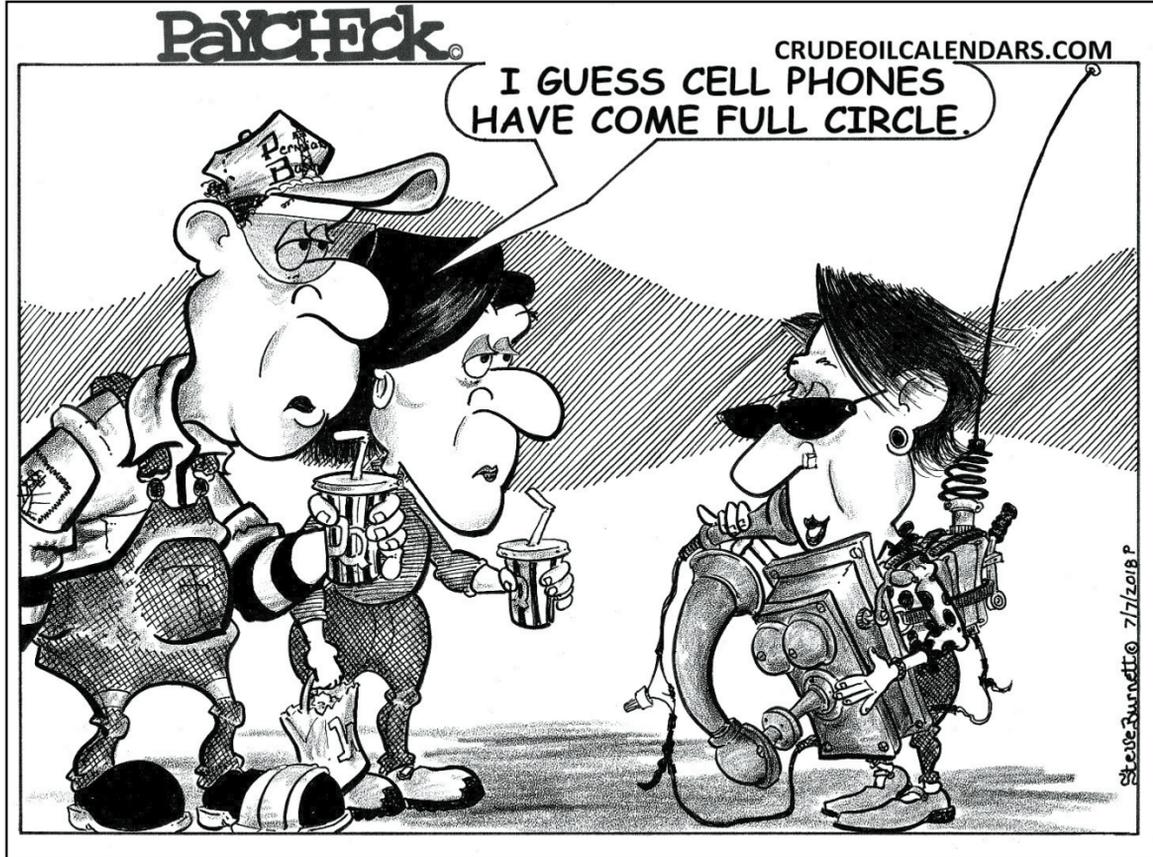
off. But if you have a strong team you can run 5 hours on and 3 hours off.

It’s competitive but you’ve got 26 check points on the Iditarod where you’ve got food drops waiting for you, you’ve got food for yourself, booties for your dog, you’ve got flashlight batteries for your headlamps, extra cold weather gear, whatever you need. That stuff is flown in ahead of time. You have mandatory layovers, 8 at the first part of the race then a 12-hour layover in the middle of the race. 80 miles from the end of the race at White Mountain you have to take another 8-hour mandatory layover.”

There is another long race called the Yukon Quest from Whitehorse to Fairbanks.

“That’s the toughest race. It’s a thousand mile race and when I ran it you could only start with 12 dogs and you had to finish with 8. On the Iditarod you could start with as many as you thought you could run. I started with 16 on the Iditarod.”

Mac is proud of his dog sledging achievements. “Well it was a joy and a pleasure to be able to do it. I’m a competitive person and that’s a pretty good test to show what you’ve got. It was really something to add to my life.”



## A most unusual day

My Uncle Mort, who lives so far out in the country that nobody passes his house going to town, called the other day.

“I’m going to shock you, nephew,” he said. “Cause I’m planning a ‘give-away’ that folks won’t be able to refuse.”

He had my attention. I felt flushness in the face-sure that my breathing had shortened. And what about the palpitations in a heart worked over with four bypasses and a valve job more than two decades ago? Were these multiple signals that I might be next in line for the feared coronavirus?

This was a “new tune” from my 106-year-old uncle who is best known for “get-rich-quick” schemes that have always turned to “clabber.” Could Mort’s proposed “giveaway” represent a sudden 180-degree turn toward “get-poor-slowly?”

I’m sure I missed several details, stunned with hearing such from one who seems to have grown charitable, no longer interested in riches.

Formerly, his “riches” were always right over the next hill. He dreamed of opulence, including a change in names for his home-place from “Billy Goat Hill” to “Angora Knoll.”

Luckily, it seems, lean-to’s, sheds and barns on his spread have made it possible for Mort to “save up” as “hoarders” do. He has a stockpile of yardsticks. And

in another shed, a barrel of small hinges, the very size needed to connect two yardsticks to make a simple six-foot measure. How handy is this for help with social distancing?

The gist of Mort’s plan makes sense. “We’re at a place in history where we’ve never been before,” Mort opined, mumbling about “uncharted waters,” and the need for well-intentioned inhabitants on this planet to “come together” while staying six-feet apart.

“I’m gonna run ads about my ‘giveaway’ of doubled yardsticks. There may not be a big run on ‘em, but I can make ‘em as needed.”

“While folks are here-staying six feet apart, mind you—we’ll talk to each other. I’m gonna hand out Bibles, hymnals and other Christian materials. If any ‘back-biting’ breaks out, I can make a really long “poker” since I’ve got plenty of wood and lots of hinges. We’ll nudge ‘naysayers’ toward the back so the rest of us can talk, pray and sing.”

Who knows?

Uncle Mort may even come up with a poem about coming together while staying apart. Clearly, there’s evidence of the need to put much else aside as world leaders come together to determine what’s best for a planet quickly coming unhinged.

There may be much more to fear than fear itself, with respect to late President Franklin Roosevelt’s well-known quote.

As we grind to stops where we used to speed on, we are forced to think about the world and our place in it.

Mort spoke of his preacher’s current sermon series entitled, “Broken Before Breakthrough.” Perhaps it “fits” both his congregation, and the world at large.

Mort recalled the words of a childhood poem that might be helpful for the living of these days.

The author is unknown. It’s about a couple of frogs:

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl. One was an optimistic soul. “I will drown,” he cried, “and so will you.” So with a despairing cry, he closed his eyes and said, “Good-bye.”

But the other frog, with a merry grin, said, “I can’t get out, but I won’t give in! I’ll swim around till my strength is spent. For having tried, I’ll die content.”

Bravely he swam until it would seem, his struggles began to stir the cream. On the top of the butter at last he stopped, and out of the bowl he happily hopped.

What is the moral? It’s easily found. If you can’t get out, keep swimming around!”

I thanked my uncle, assuring him that I’ll visit the thicket soon, eager to pick up my yardsticks.

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Special to the Herald

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) values the health and safety of Texas veterans, their families, and spouses. To reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus, starting March 19, 2020 services provided by the TVC will be conducted virtually.

A listing of services is provided by city at <https://www.tvc.texas.gov/about/office-locations/>.

Veterans may contact their local TVC representative by phone for Claims, Healthcare and Employment assistance.

TVC Claims Advisors help veterans in filing disability compensation claims with the VA.

TVC Health Care Advocates provide assistance to veterans in resolving VA medical care issues including appointments, medication and treatment. Both TVC Claims and Healthcare staff assist veterans through the VA process, filing paperwork and advocate on behalf of the veteran resolving issues with the VA.

TVC Employment Services offer veterans assistance with resumes, applications, and job interview skills. Additionally, Employment Services works with employers to connect them with veteran job seekers.

Other TVC services and programs available to veterans and providers of veterans services

include Education, Entrepreneur, Grants, Mental Health and Women Veterans.

Helping veterans starts here. The Texas Veterans Commission advocates for and provides superior service to veterans that will significantly improve the quality of life for all Texas veterans, their families and survivors.

The TVC assists veterans with receiving their benefits, providing funding to agencies which provide direct services to veterans and administration of the Hazlewood Act education benefits. Learn more at [www.tvc.texas.gov](http://www.tvc.texas.gov).

## Unsecured Guns Discovered by Children and Teens Lead to Unintentional Shootings

Special to the Herald

On January 25, 2020, a [three-year-old](#) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana who discovered a loaded and unlocked gun shot and killed himself. Less than 24 hours earlier, a five-year-old across town had shot himself in the hand.

As demonstrated by the tragedies in Baton Rouge, children as young as three are strong enough to fire some types of handguns. In one study, [73% of children](#) under age 10 living in homes with guns reported knowing the location of their parents' firearms, and 36% admitted they had handled the weapons. Many of these children handled guns without their parents' knowledge. Nearly a quarter of parents did not know that their children had handled a gun in their house.

When children and teens have unsupervised access to firearms, tragedies are all but inevitable. According to the CDC, [888 children under the age of 18 died from unintentional gunshot wounds between 2009 and 2018 in the United States](#). Among these victims were 598 children ages 14 and under. Children ages five to 14 are more than [20 times](#) more likely to be killed in unintentional shootings in the US than in other high-income countries.

The exact number may be even higher: an [investigation](#) by the New York Times in 2013 found that unintentional shootings "occurred roughly twice as often as the records indicate, because of idiosyncrasies in how such deaths are classified by the authorities."

Unsecured Guns in the Home Make Suicides More Likely

Many people, young and old, may be experiencing increased anxiety and depression during this time due to fear of infection, financial strain, social isolation, and other stressors related to social distancing and the uncertainty of this pandemic. Data shows that during a crisis, easy access to guns [significantly increases the risk of death by suicide](#).

Studies have demonstrated that the risk of suicide among minors is significantly higher in homes where a firearm is kept loaded and/or unlocked. And tragically, youth firearm suicide has been on the rise in recent years. A [2017 study](#) by CDC researchers found that youth firearm suicide rose dramatically between 2007 and 2014, with gun suicides among minors 10 years old and older spiking 60 percent in that period. The most current CDC data available also indicates that this alarming trend continued from 2014 to 2018, with firearm suicide among minors 10 years and older increasing by 36%.

With the temporary closures of colleges and universities, young adults around the country are returning to their homes or the homes of family and friends, where unsecured guns will put them at par-

ticular risk. Young adults [ages 18 to 25](#) experience the highest rates of serious mental illness of all Americans. Suicide attempts that result in death or treatment in a hospital peak between ages [16 and 21](#). It is well-documented that the biological processes that take place during late adolescence and young adulthood predispose these individuals to [riskier and less controlled behavior](#).

While suicide attempts with a firearm are fatal [84% of the time](#), people who attempt suicide by other means are much more likely to survive in both the short and long term—[90% of survivors](#) do not go on to die by suicide. [Now more than ever, it is imperative that guns do not fall into the hands of minors and young adults in crisis.](#)

Safe Gun Storage Saves Lives

Fortunately, research has shown that keeping guns stored unloaded and locked can prevent unintentional shootings, suicides, and [other types of gun violence](#).

A 2019 [study](#) by Harvard researchers suggests that modest increases in the number of American homes safely storing firearms could prevent almost a third of youth gun deaths due to suicide and unintentional firearm injury. Twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia have enacted a wide range of [child access prevention](#) (CAP) laws that impose liability on gun owners who allow minors access to firearms. Numerous studies over the past 20 years have found that CAP laws can reduce suicide and unintentional gun deaths and injuries among children and teens [by up to 54%](#), with the greatest reductions occurring in states with stronger laws.

Safe storage practices have been proven effective at reducing gun suicide among adult gun owners as well as minors. A 2004 [study](#) indicated that people who stored their firearms safely were less likely to die by firearm suicide than people who stored their firearms unlocked and/or loaded.

A Call to Gun Owners: The Time for Safe Storage is Now

During this worldwide pandemic, all Americans are being called on to change our behavior for the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations and society as a whole. Let this serve as a renewed call to gun owners to do the same with regards to their firearms. Safely storing firearms will protect vulnerable populations during the pandemic, and in the foreseeable future, long after COVID-19 is contained.

Experts Available for Comment

Giffords experts are available to talk about safe storage and other aspects of how gun violence will be impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Please don't hesitate to reach out to [media@giffords.org](mailto:media@giffords.org) to speak with any of our experts.

## Confirmed case of COVID-19, UTPB employee amongst first in West Texas

The University of Texas Permian Basin was made aware, on Thursday afternoon, that one of our employees who works at the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the CEED Building tested positive for COVID-19. The employee has confirmed he is from Crane.

UT Permian Basin can also confirm that the employee has not been at work since March 13 and to our knowledge he was only on the CEED campus not on any of the other University campuses. There are less than 10 employees who work in the CEED building. State health officials are contacting people who need to take precautionary steps.

Per the Governor's order, starting tomorrow (Friday, March 20) all UTPB employees will begin telecommuting. The University will still be serving students, faculty, staff, and the community.

## Waiting Week and Search Requirements Waived for Unemployment Insurance

AUSTIN – Today, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott instructed the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to waive the waiting week, for Unemployment Benefits. In addition to waiving the waiting week, TWC is exercising its authority under the Governor's declaration of a Statewide Disaster to waive Unemployment Insurance work search requirements effective immediately. These measures support the State's efforts to address the impact the COVID-19 virus is having on the state's economy and its workforce.

The waiting week is the first payable week of an individual's claim for Unemployment Benefits. Under normal circumstances, TWC cannot pay for the first week of a claim until an individual receives 2 times their weekly benefit amount and returns to full-time work or has exhausted their benefits. However, by waiving the waiting week, Abbott has provided the opportunity for TWC to provide relief to Texans who need it.

Previously to be eligible for unemployment benefits, applicants were required to register for work search on WorkinTexas.com and meet minimum number of work search activities per week. TWC is temporarily waiving these requirements to ensure all Texans can have access to resources when in need.

Those seeking to apply for Unemployment Benefits will need to submit an application. In order to apply you will need:

- Last employer's business name and address
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## RRC Chairman Wayne Christian Comments on Oil Markets, Proration, and Filling SPR

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN - As Saudi Arabia and Russia flood the international energy market with a glut of crude oil, prices have dropped to unsustainable levels that threaten the future of the Texas oil and gas industry, its associated benefits to the state economy, and American energy dominance.

The United States recently became the largest producer of oil and natural gas in the world, producing a record 12.4 million barrels in August 2019. Texas is responsible for about 40% of this production. The industry directly employs more than 361,271 Texans and exceeded \$116 billion in taxes and royalty payments over the last decade, including a record \$16.3 billion in 2019.

None of this is temporary, as the U.S. Geologic Survey assessed a recent oil discovery in the West Texas to be 46 billion barrels of oil. RS Energy Group estimates this find could actually be as large as 230 billion barrels. This is the largest oil find in the history of the world. To put this in perspective, proven reserves in the U.S. from Alaska to Brownsville were estimated to be 36.4 billion barrels in 2014.

In order to stabilize markets, a few oil and gas producers have suggested that the Railroad Commission of Texas resume prorating the production of oil.

"I am very concerned about the impact the inter-

national oil market instability has on the Texas economy, state budget, and the hundreds of thousands of Texans who rely on the oil and gas industry for a paycheck," said RRC Chairman Wayne Christian. "A couple of operators have suggested pro-rationing oil as a solution. While I am open to any and all ideas to protect the Texas Miracle, as a free-market conservative I have a number of reservations about this approach."

"First, Texas does not operate in a vacuum. If we prorate our oil, there is no guarantee other nations, or even states will follow suit," continued Christian. "From a practical standpoint, the Railroad Commission has not prorated oil in over forty years; we do not have staff at the agency with experience in this process and our IT capabilities to handle this process are limited at best."

Earlier this morning, Chairman Christian had a conference call with the Department of Energy (DOE) to discuss what the United States can do to stabilize the oil market. On the call, the DOE asked Christian to notify Texas operators that they have initiated an initial solicitation for 30 million barrels to begin filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

Christian instructed staff to put out a notice to operators to ensure the Texas industry is aware of this opportunity. You can read the notice to operators on the RRC website at [https://rrc.texas.gov/media/56836/nto\\_chairmanchristian\\_og.pdf](https://rrc.texas.gov/media/56836/nto_chairmanchristian_og.pdf).

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# UIL suspends competition until early May

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) has decided to extend the spring athletic competition suspension until at least May 4 due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Texas.

There was an initial ruling to postpone all athletic competition until March 29 that came down a week ago but after careful consideration, the UIL has decided to extend the postponement of spring sports.

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

Following the decision on Thursday, there was disappointment as well as hope that the local athletic teams would still be able to finish out their season's in May.

Coahoma's baseball and softball teams were off to tremendous starts to the season and were looking to go deep in the postseason. Now, they are in wait-and-see mode to find out if they will be able to finish out the year.

"From a Coahoma standpoint we feel as though it's a bad deal, as does everyone else," Bulldogs athletic director Chris Joslin said. "We were in the midst of having a really, really good season across



the board and to see that some of this has been taken away from these kids who have put in a lot of hard work over the past year-and-a-half. It was starting to come to fruition and a lot of the seniors that we have that are out competing in every sport and now it's been taken away from them here at the end of their career."

Forsan is also understanding of the situation but are disappointed as well that the seniors who participate in spring sports may not be able to finish out their high school athletic careers how they would have wanted to.

The small 2A school is concerned with keeping everybody healthy and getting back to competition when it is safe to do so.

"We hate it for our coaches and we hate it for our kids, especially for our seniors," Forsan athletic director Jason Phillips said. "We hope that we get to

come back but right now I would say that's still up in the air. Hopefully we can get this thing whooped and start playing again."

There is also powerlifting championships still to be held and golf season was in mid-swing. We also can not forget about the highly-athletic students who take part in track and field.

All of these sports have been postponed until further notice and there is a collective anxiousness to see if these student-athletes will be able to get back into competition this school year.

Prior to Monday, May 4th, "the UIL will allow its member schools a reasonable acclimatization period for rehearsals and practices to occur. All decisions remain flexible and will be consistent with the advice of local, state and federal officials."

So while games will not be held until that time, it is still possible that these athletic teams will be back at practice prior to May.

There have been countless cancellations and season cancellations of the professional leagues all the way down to the prep and little league levels. With UIL's decision to suspend the season further, there will be even more concern and uneasiness about whether these spring sports will be able to continue.

"We need everyone to get out and stay active," Joslin said.

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## Steelers reach agreements with TE Ebron, OG Wisniewski

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger is getting a little help. The defensive line is getting a little depth.

The offensive line a little veteran experience, all in the name of helping the Pittsburgh Steelers make some headway in the new-look AFC North.

The Steelers have agreed to terms with tight end Eric Ebron on a two-year deal, providing Roethlisberger with another experienced red zone target.

The team also agreed to terms with guard Stefen Wisniewski, bringing the Pittsburgh native home on a two-year deal just a month after Wisniewski won a Super Bowl with the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Steelers even executed a rare in-division trade, acquiring backup defensive tackle Chris Wormley and a seventh-round pick from Baltimore for a fifth-round pick in this year's draft.

Ebron, 27, is nearly two years removed from a breakout 2018 in which he caught 13 touchdown passes in Indianapolis, reaching the Pro Bowl for the first time in the process.

His stats took a serious dip in 2019 while dealing with a lingering ankle injury that ended his season in late November. Ebron finished with just 31 receptions for 375 yards, his lowest totals in each category since his rookie year in Detroit in 2014.

The Steelers reached out in hopes of giving Roethlisberger another proven option, particularly around the goal line. Pittsburgh has struggled to find a consistent playmaker at tight end since Heath Miller retired in February 2016.

Vance McDonald has shown flashes since arriving in a trade with San Francisco in August 2017, but he averaged just 7.3 yards per catch last season as the Steelers' offense sputtered without Roethlisberger, who was lost for the year in Week 2 with an elbow injury.

Pittsburgh acquired Nick Vannett from Seattle last September looking for a jolt, but Vannett caught only 13 passes in 13 games and will now likely walk as a free agent.

Wisniewski grew up in Pittsburgh and played at Penn State before embarking on a nomadic pro career that's seen stops in Oakland, Jacksonville, Philadelphia and Kansas City. His arrival gives the Steelers a dose of experience on the offensive line after longtime guard Ramon Foster retired and versatile backup B.J. Finney signed with Seattle in free agency. Wisniewski, who turns 31 on Sunday, will be in the mix for the starting job at left guard.

"Guess what Steelers fans ... I'm coming home!!!! And I'm coming to win!!!!" Wisniewski tweeted late Thursday night while sharing a picture of him pointing to the Steelers' cap he was wearing.

The Ravens used a third-round pick on the 6-foot-5, 300-pound Wormley in 2017 but he's spent the majority of his young career as a backup. Wormley has 2 1/2 sacks and 54 tackles in 39 games, including 15 starts. Pittsburgh, however, is in need of a big body to put in the mix after nose tackle Javon Hargrave signed with Philadelphia.

The moves capped a busy week for the Steelers. Pittsburgh placed the franchise tag on outside linebacker Bud Dupree on Monday and began the new league year by agreeing to terms with fullback Derek Watt and tendering contracts to restricted free agents Matt Feiler and Mike Hilton.

While bringing in Ebron and Wisniewski address the team's most glaring needs, they likely are still searching for some proven talent at linebacker after cutting Anthony Chickillo and Mark Barron and letting Tyler Matakevich sign with Buffalo. The depth behind the four starters — Dupree and T.J. Watt at the outside with Devin Bush and Vince Williams inside — is thin.

## Cowboys free agency update

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

### Joe Thomas inks one-year deal to return

The seventh year linebacker out of South Carolina State signed a one-year deal to return to the Cowboys for the 2020 season.

Thomas is a versatile linebacker who could line up at all three spots on the second level of the Dallas defense. He also contributes on special teams and will have a role in that phase as well.

He spent the first four seasons of his career with the Green Bay Packers after going undrafted in 2014. Thomas has played 67 games in his career and has racked up 157 combined tackles, nine tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, two forced fumbles, and one interception.

### Cowboys add to secondary with signing of HaHa Clinton-Dix

The Fort-Worth Star Telegram has reported that Clinton-Dix has signed a one-year, \$4 million deal with \$2.5 million guaranteed.

Clinton-Dix is 27 years old and has made his way around the NFC by playing for the Green Bay Packers, Washington Redskins, and Chicago Bears. He was the 21st overall pick in the 2014 Draft by the Packers and has put together a solid career so far. The Alabama product was drafted by new Cowboys head coach Mike McCarthy and will add a veteran presence to the Dallas secondary.

The new Cowboys safety has totaled 522 combined tackles, 5.5 sacks, four forced fumbles, and 16 interceptions during his six-year career.

### Dallas brings back Looney for offensive line depth

The Cowboys front office decided to also sign center/guard Joe Looney to a one-year deal on Thursday.

Looney has started 20 games over the past two seasons and adds depth to a stacked Dallas offensive line room. He has shown his versatility by playing multiple spots across the line and will serve as one of the top interior backups.

The fourth round pick (117th overall) of the San Francisco 49ers in 2012, Looney has played eight seasons in the NFL after coming out of Wake Forest. Looney has played 91 games (30 starts) for the 49ers, Tennessee Titans, and Cowboys.

### Cowboys make pair of depth signings

Dallas has also added cornerback Maurice Canady and linebacker Justin March-Lillard on one-year deals.

Canady split last season between the New York Jets and Baltimore Ravens and came up with one interception and five pass deflections. He will add depth to the secondary as well as be a contributor on special teams.

The four-year veteran has 80 combined tackles, an interception, one forced fumble, and one fumble recovery in 32 career games played. He played his college ball at Virginia and was a sixth round pick (209th overall) of the Ravens in 2016.

March-Lillard is a special teams playmaker who will be returning for his fourth season in Dallas. He was signed by the Kansas City Chiefs as an undrafted rookie out of Akron in 2015 and has developed into a solid special teams presence.

He has played for the Chiefs, Miami Dolphins, Seattle Seahawks, and the Cowboys during his career. March-Lillard has collected 41 combined tackles, three pass deflections, and one tackle for loss in his 47 career games.

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## Houston Texans free agency round-up

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sportswriter

Houston has made a priority out of re-signing their own free agents so far at the start of the new league year.

They have also traded away a franchise cornerstone, and one of the best wide receivers in the NFL, in return for a high-earning running back that has not produced a great season since 2017.

Bill O'Brien is in his first full season as general manager and has decided to make some risky, unexpected, moves to start out his tenure. While many Texans fans may be upset about the loss of DeAndre Hopkins, we will take a look here at the players that O'Brien has added or re-signed for the 2020 season and beyond:

### Kicker Ka'imi Fairbairn

Houston started off their spending by re-signing Fairbairn to a four-year deal worth up

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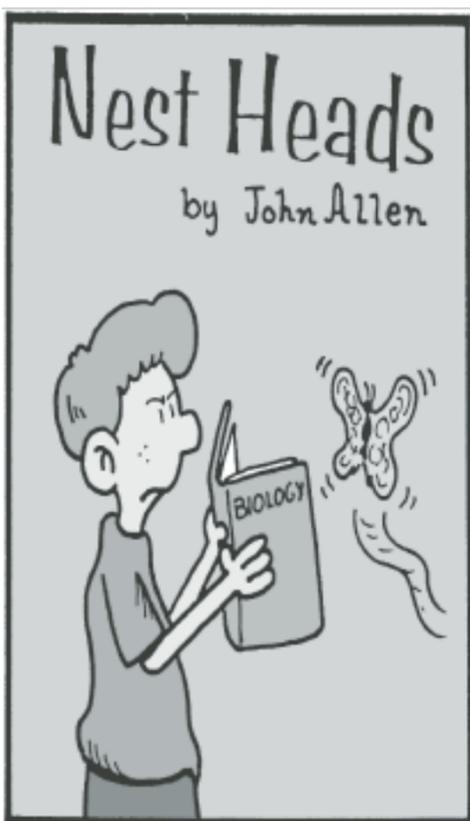
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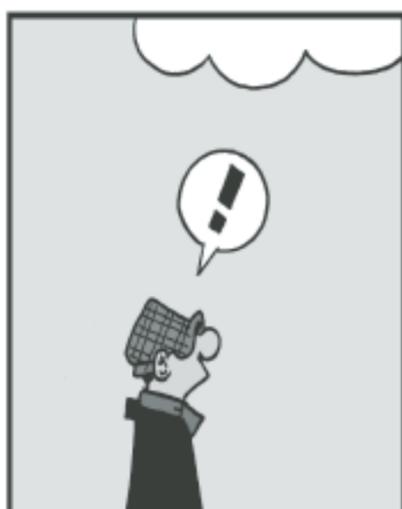
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by Smythe



# HOUSTON

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to \$17.65 million. The deal includes \$9 million fully guaranteed and \$10.45 million over the first two years of the deal.

Fairbairn will be entering his fourth season as the Houston kicker after going undrafted out of UCLA in 2017. The former Bruin has converted 77-of-92 career field goal attempts (83.7%) and 111-of-121 extra point attempts (91.7%). He is also the kickoff specialist and has 248 career kickoffs with 149 touchbacks (60.1%).

### Tight End Darren Fells

The big target re-signed with the Texans on a two-year, \$7 million deal with \$4 million included in the first year of the contract.

Fells will be 34 years old at the start of next season and makes most of his impact as an in-line blocker. He has played for the Arizona Cardinals, Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, and the Texans during his six-year career.

The UC Irvine product who went undrafted in 2013 has played in 86 career games and started 62 of them. He has racked up career totals of 102 receptions, 1,171 yards, and 17 touchdowns. His most productive season was last year for Houston when he caught 34 passes for 341 yards and seven touchdowns.

### Wide Receiver DeAndre Carter

The return man signed a one-year contract extension with the Texans that will keep him in Houston through next season.

Carter is a third-year undrafted player out of Sacramento State who makes his major contributions on special teams. He has played for both the Texans and Philadelphia Eagles over the past two seasons.

The 5-foot-9 speedster has played in 30 career games and totaled 33 receptions for 378 yards. As a returner, Carter has 48 punt returns for 463 yards (9.6 average) and 33 kick returns for 733 yards (22.2 average).

### Cornerback Phillip Gaines

The Texans added more depth to their secondary with the signing of Gaines to a one-year prove-it deal worth \$1.05 million.

Gaines is a six-year veteran who spent last year with the Texans and has also played for three other NFL teams: Kansas City Chiefs, Buffalo Bills, and Cleveland Browns.

He was a third round pick (87th overall) of the Chiefs in the 2014 NFL Draft out of Rice University. Gaines has underwhelmed so far in his pro career and has played in 58 games with 24 starts. The Rice product has 152 combined tackles, 18 passes defended, and one interception in his career.

### Cornerback Bradley Roby

A big re-signing for the Texans was getting Roby to come back to Houston on a three-year, \$36 million deal.

Roby spent the 2019 season with the Texans and started 10 games. The six-year veteran has developed into a high-performing cornerback and the Texans got him back at a reasonable price.

The Denver Broncos first round pick in 2014 (31st overall), Roby has started 39 career games for Denver and Houston. He has recorded 274 combined tackles, 68 passes defended, and nine interceptions.

### Safety Eric Murray

Murray received a three-year, \$20.5 million contract from the Texans after spending the first four seasons of his career with the Kansas City Chiefs and

Cleveland Browns.

The safety has played in 54 career games with only 15 starts. He has totaled 124 combined tackles, eight passes defended, and one interception. Murray was a fourth round pick by the Chiefs (106th overall) in 2016 and was hardly able to get on the field.

This is a risky signing by the Texans but could pay off big if Murray can reach his potential.

### Quarterback A.J. McCarron

The Texans brought back their backup quarterback on a one-year, \$4 million deal with \$3.75 million guaranteed.

The Alabama product was a fifth round pick by the Cincinnati Bengals (164th overall) back in 2014 and has started four career games. McCarron has played for the Bengals, Oakland Raiders, and Texans.

In his 15 career games, McCarron has completed 108-of-173 passes (62.4%) for 1,153 yards, six touchdowns, and three interceptions.

### Wide Receiver Randall Cobb

The Texans signed Cobb away from the in-state rival Dallas Cowboys on a three-year, \$27 million deal.

The experienced veteran who was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the second round (64th overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft will be entering his 10th season in 2020.

After eight seasons in Green Bay and one in Dallas, Cobb has put together a great stat-line for his career. With 120 career games and 79 starts, the Kentucky product has compiled 525 receptions for 6,352 yards and 44 touchdowns.

### Cornerback Vernon Hargreaves

A little over a month after being cut, the Texans brought back Hargreaves on a cheaper one-year prove-it type deal.

Hargreaves will be entering his fifth NFL season after being a first round pick by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (11th overall) out of Florida in the 2016 NFL Draft.

In 41 career games and 35 starts, the former Gator has 186 combined tackles, 21 passes defended, and two interceptions. The small corner will be looking to prove himself on his one-year contract so that he can hit free agency again next spring with a chance to cash-in.

### Offensive Tackle Roderick Johnson

The third year veteran swing tackle out of Florida State has agreed to a one-year, \$1.75 million deal with Houston.

Johnson was a fifth round pick by the Cleveland Browns (160th overall) in the 2017 NFL Draft. He has appeared in 17 career games with three starts. He will add depth to the Houston offensive line and will be competing for a roster spot in training camp.

### Running Back David Johnson

In return for DeAndre Hopkins, the Houston offense added a versatile running back that could change the way the Texans play.

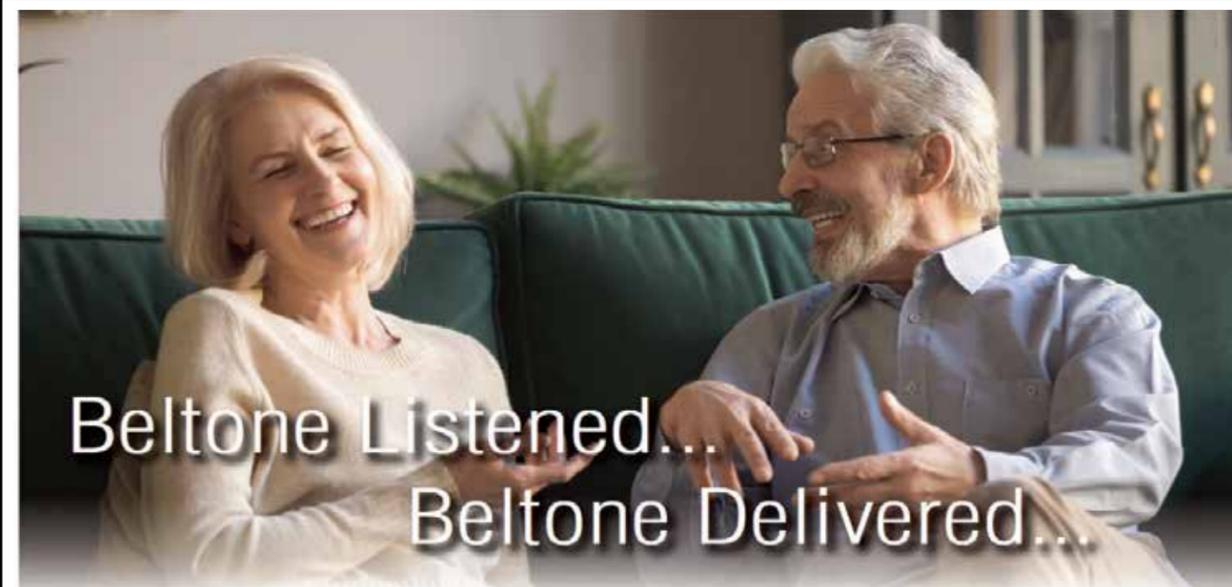
Johnson is an electrifying running back who was phased out of Arizona's offense as they made the switch to Kyler Murray at quarterback. Before a wrist injury in 2017, Johnson was one of the NFL's up-and-coming premier talents.

The five year veteran out of Northern Iowa was a third round pick by Arizona (86th overall) in the 2015 NFL Draft. Johnson has played in 62 career games with 47 starts and has accumulated 781 rushing attempts for 3,128 yards (4.0 average) and 33 touchdowns.

Johnson is also a threat through the air and has racked up 208 career receptions for 2,219 yards and an additional 15 touchdowns.

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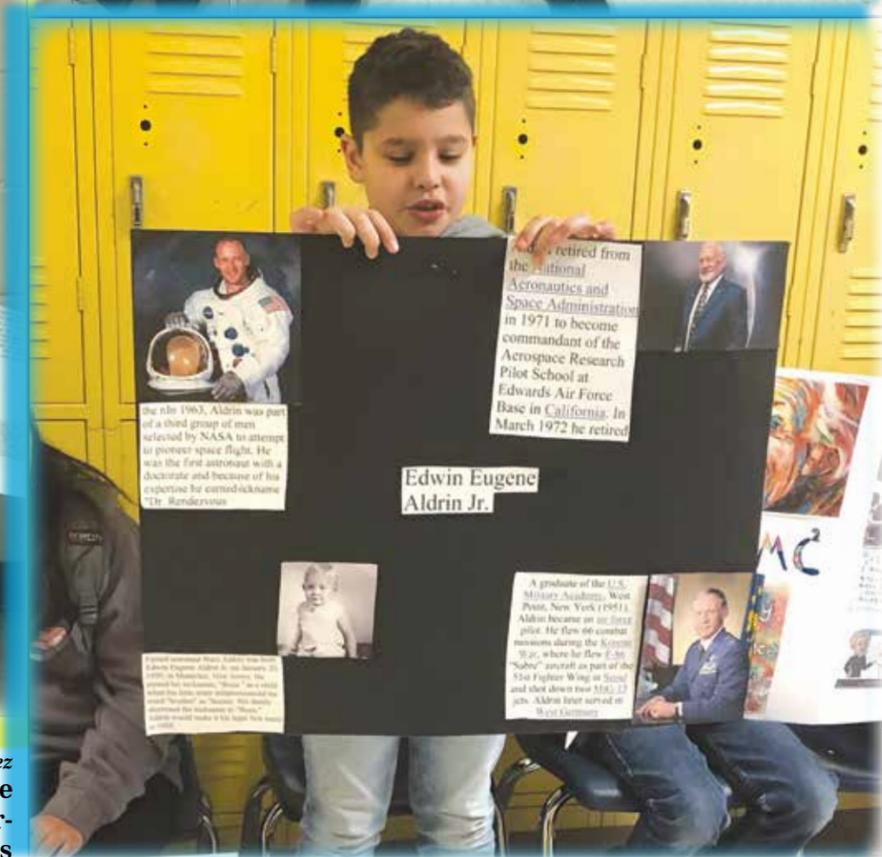
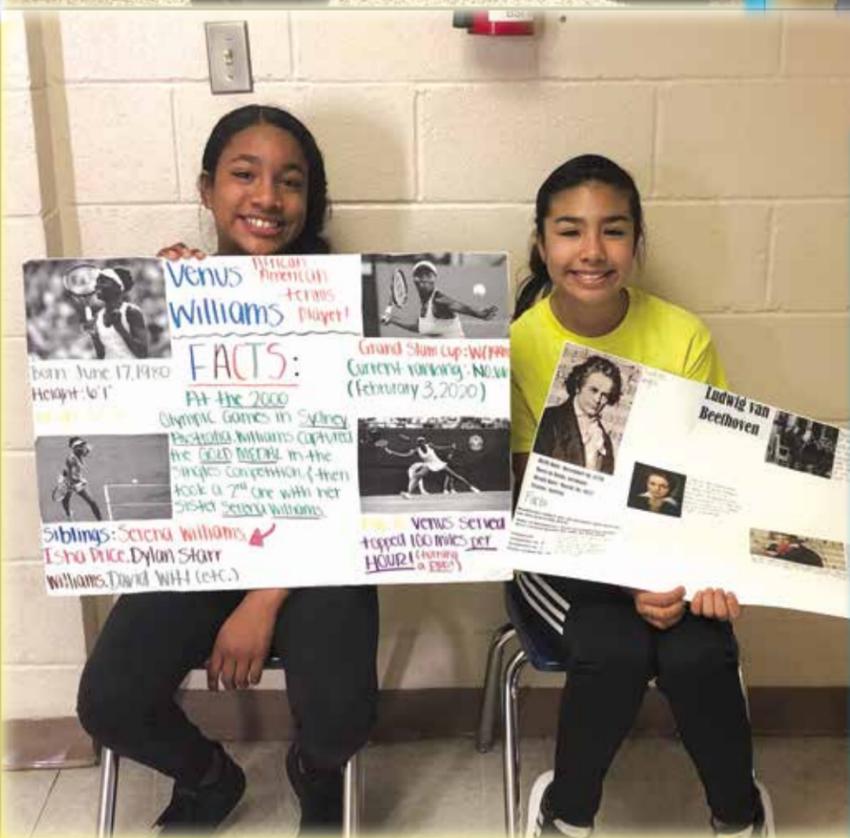
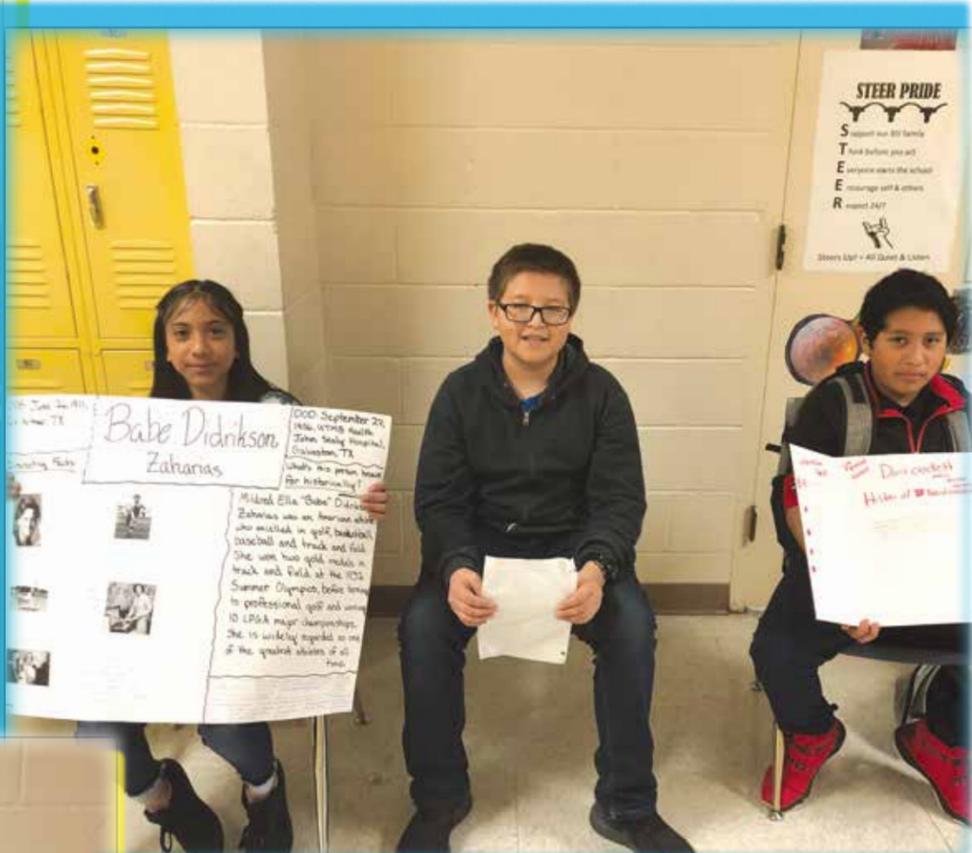
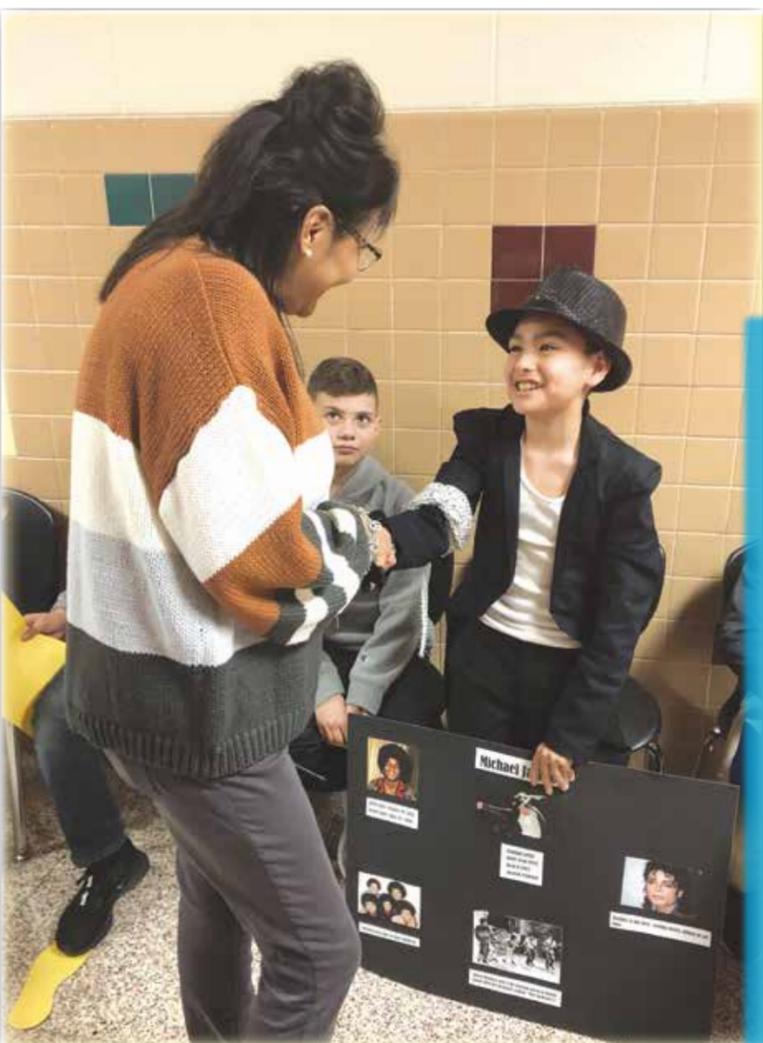
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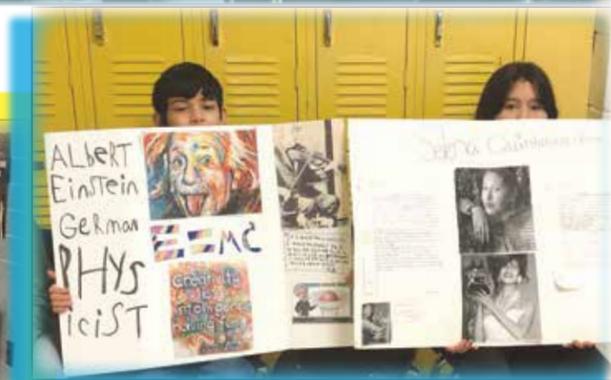
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Big Spring ISD will be providing sacked meals for students while the campuses are closed. Meals will be available at three schools from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up at any of the three campuses where they are being 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.



Children in Big Spring ISD can also 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 Randolph

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.

## Coahoma ISD



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



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.

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# Local restaurants adjust to new dine-in declarations

By NICK IRENE

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Restaurant management and staff are looking forward after new executive orders from Gov. Greg Abbott's office will close dine-in service statewide for two weeks.

"We are all very stressed and worried right now," Wayside Pub General Manager Brandon Hansen said. "I just had to lay off almost half of my staff."

Starting Friday at 11:59 p.m., all restaurants and bars in Texas are restricted from hosting dine-in service until midnight April 3.

For the same time period, the governor's four executive orders restrict any social gatherings of 10 or more people and eating in bars, food courts or restaurants, but "highly encouraged" using drive-thru, pickup or delivery options.

Orders restricted visiting gyms and massage parlors and visiting nursing homes, retirement centers or long-term care facilities unless providing critical assistance.

Banks, grocery stores, gas stations and other critical infrastructure remain open.

The order required all schools to temporarily close, though most campuses in Brazoria County already announced this week their campuses will remain shuttered until at least April 10.

DJ's Bar-B-Q in Clute owners Rory and Tami Neal are doing their best to adjust to the new rules.

"We are doing the same precautions as everyone else," Rory Neal said. "As long as we are allowed to be open, we will be open."

Business was still good Thursday and they are providing daily sandwiches specials to help drum up extra business, Tami Neal said.

With workers losing their jobs left and right, the Neals are planning to ensure all of their staff will remain intact for now.

"We will try our best to keep everyone," Rory said. "If business continues, we can keep the check coming."

The Wayside was unusually quiet Thursday as employees attempt to keep the restaurant afloat.

The pub is currently taking in 10 guests at a time, not including employees.

Hansen hopes the contagion is contained sooner than later, for his workers and their business, he said.

In order to keep up good business, the pub will offer liter and gallon-sized mixed drinks along with beer and wine exclusively through their website, Hansen said.

Delivery services like Waitr and Doordash will not deliver alcohol, according to company policies. Curbside delivery also restricts the sale of alcohol.

The remaining workers are receiving new hourly wages, along with tips, he said.

"Our laid off employees will be

able to return to their position if they choose once the virus is a non-issue," Hansen said.

One of those remaining workers is bartender Steven Gomez. Although not too concerned for himself, he feels for his former coworkers.

"It's a bummer since most of us live day-to-day," Gomez said. "I do have mixed feelings about this because of free will, but I do worry if people come out and they are sick."

Gomez doesn't just miss the loss of his income from tips, but the connections he had with customers, he said.

"It's not just about the tips," Gomez said. "I miss the guests that used to come in. We were all one big family and it's temporarily gone. Once we open back up we can all party away again."

In the meantime, Gomez urges residents to support local restaurants.

"Use their delivery services, eat their food, drink their alcohol, we will get through this," Gomez said.

Small businesses like Runway Cafe in Angleton know that hard times will be coming, staff says. Unlike some restaurants, the cafe doesn't sell alcohol.

Waitress Kristine Hensley was the only employee working in the restaurant Thursday afternoon.

"I know that our owner has expressed a lot of concern since we are by the airport and no one is traveling," Hensley said. "We have had two tables since I've been here at 11 a.m."

The Angleton High School senior was not personally too worried about her financial security, but knows her coworkers fear the unknown.

"I still live at home so I'm not too worried about losing my job," the waitress said. "I do know coworkers who do have to pay their bills and I'm sure are worried."

The to-go orders have been few and thin as of late and received a minimum of tips, which makes up the majority of her income, she said.

The restaurant will play the situation by ear as they begin to-go only service this weekend, Hensley said.

Brittan Musick-Eller, a waitress at Angleton Seafood, says the restaurant has been able to keep up with the ever-changing regulations and recommendations.

"We still have our regulars supporting us by placing to-go and delivery orders and have even gained a couple of new ones," Musick-Eller said. "We have really supportive owners here that are committed to leaving their doors open."

The waitress has since adapted to a delivery driver as of Tuesday, which she called a smooth transition.

Angleton Seafood will deliver within a 5-mile radius.

Businesses hiring Dollar General Domino's Pizza Amazon UTMB Health



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# The Pet Connection's Pet Talk:

## Rattlesnake vaccines, rattlesnake season

By **MELANIE GAMBRELL**

Pet Care Specialist

Spring has sprung.

Well it's finally here, Spring! A time when Bluebonnets begin to blossom, our winds begin to blow, love is in the air and rattlesnakes are on the move. If you're not familiar with rattlesnakes or not from this area, here's some information to help protect your four legged pet, your dog.

Several years ago when the rattlesnake vaccine was first heard about, it was only approved for use in California and I knwo speaking for myself I couldn't wait before it was approved for Texas. Of course, like all things, it would take time, but it was well worth the wait.

Living out in the country like I do, it isn't uncommon to wake up to a dog barking and find a rattlesnake on your front porch or in the dog pen or just stretched out across the sidewalk sunnin. I even had one up in a tree. On only one rare occassion did I ever have a tiny baby rattler in the house. Speaking from experience, that one time was enough to last me a lifetime. It took me almost an hour to try and catch it with snake catchers, trying not to lose it under my refrigerator.

By the time I caught him, I was worn out and beyond scared thinking about the consequences of losing a baby rattlesnake in the house. Not only the immediate danger to myself, but the danger to all my indoor pets.

It wasn't uncommon for a dog to get rattlesnake bit and depending on the area of the bite, depending on their survival rate. Not only did I have to worry about my domestic pets over the years, but I've had a horse bit in the nose and my pet steer Spot was also bit. Cats, dogs, livestock are not immune to being bit, it's being at the right place at the wrong time. It's bieng noticed by those of us that are around rattlesnakes that as a protection to the snake they are not rattling. I've come across more than not that will coil up but aren't making any sounds. I've been told that they are not rattling due to the feral hogs attacking them. So always be looking where you step and walk and always look before you reach down to pick something up or before reaching under a bush.

So for me to tell you about this miracle vaccination, it's like discovering sliced bread. Now I'm not going to say that getting the rattlesnake vaccine will save all dogs, but from experience it's well worth getting and does make a difference. Given the rattlesnake vaccine your pet will create their own antibodies to the snake venom where if given the antivenom, your dog is only tretaed for the bite itself. If you weight the cost of getting the vaccine, about \$20 to the cost of hospitalization of an estimage of \$2,000; the vaccine wins everytime. Antivenom if available, pain meds, IV's, hospital stay, etc. is what's required if your dog has been bitten along with a prayer for their recovery. Cro-talus Atrox Toxid (Rattlesnake Vaccine) for dogs is usually recommended to get a series and that will depend on your dog's weight, whether they get two or three injections prior to snake season, but you can get it at anytime. Always visit with your pet's veterinarian on what he/she recommends for your pet. You will get your first vaccine followed up with a booster four weeks later and then if you live in a high traffic area for snakes, it's suggested to get a



your dog will alert, always listen to him or her! Last season I had several dogs run out the front door to go potty, but one of the rescue dogs that had previously been rattlesnake bit as a small puppy, refused to go out the door. Ted my roommate walked out on the porch to find a huge rattlesnake hanging off the front porch step right behind his leg. Thankfully no one was harmed or bit, but we sure did have a big scare. So always trust your dog, they have a much better sense of smell and will let you know.

Training your dog to alert to rattlesnakes or any snake at all may not only save them, but could possibly save your children or yourself. When I'm training I never let my dog's get comfortable with having a snake around, I want them to alert, to bark and stay away from the snake. I never let my dog come up to a dead snake or any snake where I'm not saying Bad Snake, stomping my feet and scaring my dog to stay away. Over the years I've been involved in de-snaking clinics where we've strained hunting dogs to alert on any type of snake, using a live bull snake and a shock collar and we've saved many a dog. No snakes or dogs were ever hamed in a clinic.

booster Spring and Fall. I highly recommend making it a part of your dogs yearly vaccinations. Your veterinarian will discuss with you any side effects of the vaccine.

Having now protected your dog with the vaccine it's always best to take other life saving measures. Removing debris from around your dogs living area, such as tree limbs, old tires or high weeds will make it less likely that a rattlesnake will find a safe place to hide or den up. Keeping high traffic areas, such as sidewalks, patios and driveways well lighted will also help keep you, your family and your pets safe by being able to see these dangerous critters.

Knowing the different barks that your dog has can also save his life. I've been woke up many a night to an alarm bark, to find a rattlesnake in my dogs pen and in their dog houses. Once you know

Rattlesnakes like any snake has a purpose and unlike most people's thoughts, a good snake is a dead snake, I don't believe that. No doubt protect your family and pets, but killing one just to kill it makes no sense at all. If your dog is bittenw th or without the rattlesnake vaccine contact your veterinary hospital ASAP.

Let the veterinary hospital advise you on what steps need to be taken. Be safe, be aware, look, listen; it may save your life and the life of your dog.

### Pet Talk:

#### The Biting truth of snake envenomation

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION, March 18, 2020 – One of the joys of owning a pet is being able to observe their curious nature. However, when they stick their noses where they don't belong, a dangerous situation can arise, especially in a state like Texas, which is home to more than 75 different species of snakes.

Dr. Dalton Hindmarsh, a veterinary resident at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, advises pet owners on what to do if their furry friend falls victim to a snake bite.

"First, you should keep your pet calm and seek veterinary care," he said. "Contrary to what you may read on the internet, I would not recommend giving any medications at home, including things like Benadryl, without first consulting your veterinarian. I would also not recommend a tourniquet or trying to suck the venom out."

Hindmarsh also said that prophylactic antibiotics are typically not prescribed, since the risk of infection from a snake bite is less than 1 percent. Steroid medications or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) pain medications are also not usually involved in treatment of a snake bite, as they have a high risk of side effects and no documented treatment benefit.

Hindmarsh adds that snake bites are very common in dogs and less frequently seen in cats. It's also important to remember that if a snake is able to harm your pet, they are likely a danger to you as well, so Hindmarsh recommends that owners exercise caution after the bite.

"If the snake is already dead, you can take a picture of it to show veterinary staff," he said. "Please do not bring the snake with you! If the snake is alive, do not put yourself in danger and leave the

area with your pet."

Once a bitten pet has reached a veterinary care facility, there are a variety of treatment options available.

"The recommended treatment ultimately depends on the severity of the bite, but most cases are treated with IV fluids to address shock, pain medications, and monitoring," Hindmarsh said. "Antivenom is readily available but is not always indicated for every snake bite." Owners should be mindful about preventing their pets from interacting with snakes, especially when in regions where these slithering creatures are more common. In the areas near Texas A&M, copperheads are the most common venomous snake.

"Owners may consider avoidance training (teaching dogs to leave snakes alone) for outdoor and working dogs," Hindmarsh said. "Keeping pets on a leash may also reduce the chance they encounter a snake."

If pet owners have concerns about their animal encountering snakes, they should contact their veterinarian to discuss how they can best protect their pet. Owners who suspect that their pet has been bitten should contact their veterinarian immediately.

If you end up seeing a snake the next time you and your pet are enjoying the outdoors, Hindmarsh advises that you "leave the snake alone, back away, and leave the area."

By Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences Staff

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## Chamber of Commerce happenings



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors gathered together for a Thank You presentation to Eve Nieto Insurance, this past week. Thank you for your investment to the community. At this time, Thank You presentations have been suspended until further notice.

## Chamber of Commerce suspends activities

By AMANDA DUFORAT  
Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, like many other businesses and organizations have adhered to the orders handed down by the President of the United States and the Governor of Texas, and cancelled or postponed events that were scheduled through at least the middle of April.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has cancelled all of the Thank You Presentations, normally scheduled for Tuesday mornings; Ambassador meetings and the March Alive After 5. Notice will be provided as events are able to be added back to the calendar.

The annual Health Fair which was scheduled for April 8 has also been postponed. The projected date at this time is Aug. 8, with set up taking place on



Aug. 7. The event is still set to take place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For those who were signed up to be a part of the health fair, contact should be made with you from the Chamber to inform you of changes and provide new information.

As more news is released regarding dates, times, etc. the Chamber will issue it through media releases, e-mail blasts and phone calls.

At this time, with all the restrictions and limitations that have been placed, the Chamber of Commerce encourages to continue to support local when possible. Many of the local businesses are looking at ways to continue to provide services through pick up or online ordering.

## Texas A&M School of Law becomes a national contender

School sees significant leap in both rankings & number of top applicants

FORT WORTH, Texas — Texas A&M University School of Law in Fort Worth leaped a dramatic 23 positions in the national ranking of law schools released this week by U.S. News & World Report.

Texas A&M University School of Law was unranked when the Board of Regents and Chancellor John Sharp led the effort in 2013 for The Texas A&M University System to acquire the school from Texas Wesleyan University.

Since the acquisition, the School of Law consistently moved up in the national rankings, most recently jumping from No. 83 last year to No. 60 in the 2021 rankings. The increase represents the largest jump among the country's top 100 law schools for the year.

See a new video about the law school at: [https://www.youtube.com/user/tamusystem?sub\\_confirmation=1](https://www.youtube.com/user/tamusystem?sub_confirmation=1)

Chancellor Sharp said the improved ranking on the influential list reflects the System's investment in the law school, its faculty and the quality of education. He highlighted particularly Texas

A&M's School of Law's exceptional programming in intellectual property, technology and innovation (ranked No. 8 nationally), dispute resolution (ranked No. 6 nationally), legal writing (ranked No. 29 nationally), and energy and environmental law (ranked No. 37 nationally).

"Our law school is so successful because we are not just training lawyers to hang up a shingle and sue somebody," Chancellor Sharp said. "We are training the lawyers that businesses need."

Robert B. Ahdieh, dean of the law school, said the new rankings represent a major leap forward for the school.

"We're now in contention with a new tier of law schools — both in Texas and across the nation," Dean Ahdieh said.

Chancellor Sharp noted that the new ranking demonstrates how well Texas A&M University School of Law is preparing young lawyers, compared with other law schools.

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## Texas Crop Report

Special to the Herald

Wheat acres up slightly amid good growing conditions

Texas wheat acres were up and facing little to no threat from pests or disease in grazing and grain fields, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo, said planted acres in the Texas High Plains are slightly up from last year, with approximately 2.2 million acres planted.

For much of the region, there was good soil moisture at planting as a result of late-September and early October rains, Bell said. However, some areas did not receive rainfall and wheat was sowed into dry ground.

For the northern High Plains, or Panhandle region, there has been below-average snowfall resulting in dry conditions, she said. Fortunately, recent rains brought much-needed moisture to the whole region.

Even with below-average winter moisture, wheat-for-grain conditions have been fair to good, she said. Wheat-for-forage conditions have declined in recent weeks due to a lack of moisture for spring growth.

"Some producers were already running pivots to irrigate wheat pastures," she said. "Conditions were warming resulting in fast wheat development. Recent rains will help tilling and forage production and ultimately improve conditions for producers who will graze out those pastures."

Producers pull-off/cutoff dates for grazing are determined by crop insurance, she said. But March 15 was the last day to pull cattle off wheat that is insured as a dual-purpose crop.

### Pests and disease

Army cutworms are active across the region, Bell said, but aphid and mite pressure is low. Disease pressure was also low.

Ken Obasa, Ph.D., AgriLife

Extension plant pathologist, Amarillo, said information from AgriLife Extension county agents and crop consultants indicated few cases of disease.

"Overall, there were no instances of leaf or stripe rust that has come through the lab," he said. "However, tan spot and one instance of spot blotch, caused by *Bipolaris sorokiniana*, have come through the lab."

Obasa said there had also been cases of *Alternaria* and that warm, humid conditions were favorable for the disease. The weather is also favorable for tan spot, leaf rust and other seedling wheat diseases.

"Stripe rust prefers cooler temperatures, so as temperatures continue to warm, the chances for stripe rust will decline," he said. "Overall, growers should look for foliar diseases other than rust that can spread."

AgriLife Extension district

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## Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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 Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple  
 Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St., Big Spring  
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 Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring  
 Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.  
 Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder  
 John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260  
 Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder  
 Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans  
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 Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder  
 Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas  
 Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin  
 Clayton W. Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring  
 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder  
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 Juana Fierro, 406 N. W. 5th St., Big Spring  
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 Jennifer Gonzales, 2616 Hunter Dr., Big Spring  
 James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater  
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Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring  
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

**Marriage Licenses**

Randell Glenn Owensby, 61, and Alicia Carmen Morin, 43, both of Big Spring  
Christopher Clarence McKiernan, 19, of Big Spring, and Alida Selena Morales-Saenz, 24, of San Antonio Huista, Guatemala  
Michael Dean Nall, 41, Amanda Brook Nass, 32, both of Big Spring  
Julian Rodriguez Jr, 26, Christen Shavon Crosby, 20, both of Big Spring  
Barry Dewayne Jones, 46, Rebecca Jo Morris, 40, both of Abilene, Texas

**District Court Filings**

Plaintiff: Steve Henry  
Defendant: Jon Mulkey, dba J.M. Construction  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: March 12, 2020

Plaintiff: Steven Carlin  
Defendant: Staci Carlin  
Type of Case: Divorce-no children  
Date: March 13, 2020

Plaintiff: John Orr  
Defendant: Christine Orr  
Type of Case: Divorce-no children  
Date: March 13, 2020

Plaintiff: Credit Corp Solutions  
Defendant: Kenneth Douglas  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: March 13, 2020

Plaintiff: Judy Perez  
Defendant: Ruben Perez  
Type of Case: Divorce-children  
Date: March 13, 2020

Plaintiff: Sonya Morin  
Defendant: Troy Smith  
Type of Case: Protective order-no divorce  
Date: March 18, 2020

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC  
Defendant: Jessica C. Ramirez  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: March 16, 2020

Plaintiff: United Healthcare Insurance Company  
Defendant: Motion Energy LLC  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: March 17, 2020

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associated LLC  
Defendant: Taylor Heckler  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: March 17, 2020

Plaintiff: Janie Vicker  
Defendant: Douglas Vicker  
Type of Case: Divorce-no children  
Date: March 17, 2020

Plaintiff: Second Round Sub LLC, Assignee of Comenity Capital Bank (overstock.com Inc.)  
Defendant: Manuel C. Cervantes  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: March 18, 2020

Plaintiff: Denton and Bradley Metal Solutions Inc.  
Defendant: Alamo Pressure Pumping, Alamo RP Holdings, LLC  
Type of Case: Contract-consumer/commercial/debt  
Date: March 18, 2020

**County Court Rulings**

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all County Court Rulings.)  
Defendant: Terence Cross Jr.  
Offense: Duty on striking fixture of landscape (less than \$200)  
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail, probated 6 months  
Date: March 6, 2020

Defendant: Devynn Smith  
Offense: Resisting arrest, search or transport  
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail, probated 12 months  
Date: Feb. 25, 2020

Defendant: James Webb  
Offense: Theft of property (\$100 to \$750)  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, \$105 reimbursement fee, time served  
Date: March 11, 2020

Defendant: Oscar Aguirre  
Offense: Prostitution/other payor  
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 6 months probation  
Date: March 12, 2020

Defendant: James Webb  
Offense: Theft of driver's license/personal ID  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, time served  
Date: March 11, 2020

Defendant: Brandon Savoy Truitt  
Offense: Driving while intoxicated  
Sentence: \$780 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail, 90 days license suspension, probation 6 months  
Date: March 12, 2020

Defendant: Casey Torrence  
Offense: Evading arrest or detention  
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, time served  
Date: Feb. 24, 2020

Defendant: Uriel Talamantes  
Offense: Driving while intoxicated  
Sentence: \$750 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail, 90 day license suspension, probated 12 months  
Date: March 6, 2020

Defendant: Samuel David Pittman  
Offense: Theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500)  
Sentence: \$200 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail, probated 12 months, 24 hours community service  
Date: Feb. 27, 2020

**Warranty Deeds**

Grantor: Roy Hester and Joy Hester  
Grantee: Nathan Bradshaw and Tara Bradshaw  
Property: Lot 27, Blk. 6, Highland South Addition  
Date: March 12, 2020

Grantor: Keith Lee Newton  
Grantee: KN Land, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company  
Property: Tract 1: SE/4 of Section 40, Blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; Tract 2: 3.67 acre tract our of E/2 of Section 20, Blk. 33, T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 16, 2020

Grantor: Lance Gross and Victoria Gross  
Grantee: Brian D. East and Barbara J. East  
Property: Lot 7, Blk. A, Section 1, Stone Creed Subdivision to the City of Coahoma  
Date: March 16, 2020

Grantor: Norma Crockett  
Grantee: Kenneth Greathouse and Caren Lynn Greathouse  
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 1, University Gardens Addition  
Date: March 17, 2020

Grantor: Rita Molina Franco  
Grantee: Beatrice Franco  
Property: SE/4 of Section 42, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 17, 2020

Grantor: EV Cole Properties, LLC  
Grantee: Matthew Wanner and Alyssa Wanner  
Property: Lots 2 through 8, Blk. 8, Highland South Addition  
Date: March 17, 2020

Grantor: Samuel J. Willberg and Betty L. Willberg  
Grantee: Tom Henry and Mary Beth Henry  
Property: Lot 9, Blk. 20, Washington Place Addition  
Date: March 16, 2020

Grantor: Erma Dean Baker  
Grantee: James Hicks and Robert Hicks  
Property: N/2 of 0.37 acre tract in SE/4 of Sectin 48, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 10, 2020

Grantor: J. Hooper Homes, LLC  
Grantee: Rodney D. Jones and Sheila K. Jones  
Property: Lot 7, Hill Country Estates  
Date: March 13, 2020

**Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens**

Grantor: Heath Webb and Brandi Webb  
Grantee: Randy Brown  
Property: Lot 24, Blk. 6, Highland South Addition  
Date: March 16, 2020

Grantor: Lanita Karibian, Administrator of the Estate of Ann L. Mackey, fka Ann T. Cooper, deceased  
Grantee: Pedro Covarrubias and Gina Covarrubias  
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 2, Douglass Addition  
Date: March 16, 2020

Grantor: Kenneth Greathouse and Caren Lynn Greathouse  
Grantee: Alberto Borunda-Salinas and Irma Rutiaga  
Property: Lots 6, 7 and 8, Blk. 1, Washington Place Addition  
Date: March 17, 2020

Grantor: Brandon Mendoza  
Grantee: Quinton Shafer and Brittanna Shafer  
Property: Lot 16, Blk. 6, Replat of N/2 of Monticello Addition  
Date: March 12, 2020

Grantor: Maria Irene Resendez  
Grantee: Michael Anthony Juarez Sr. and Michael Anthony Juarez Jr.  
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 5, Avion Village Addition  
Date: March 11, 2020

Grantor: Gary Feaster  
Grantee: Justin Daniels and Katherine Daniels  
Property: Lot 3, Blk. 3, Saunders Addition to the City of Coahoma  
Date: March 12, 2020

Grantor: Irene Resendez, aka Maria Irene Resendez  
Grantee: Elsa Mier and Elsa Hilario  
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 1, Avion Village  
Date: March 12, 2020

**CROP**

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reporters compiled the following summaries:

**CENTRAL**

The district reported a significant improvement in soil moisture conditions compared to six weeks ago. Large amounts of rain led to saturated fields and some standing water. A cooler and wetter

weather pattern was developing. Corn and sorghum fields were being planted. Most producers planted the bulk of their corn before rains started. Early planted corn was emerging. Some planting was halted by 2-plus inches of rain. Weeds were beginning to develop in improved grasses. Livestock were in good condition with grass growing well following rains and warmer temperatures. Wheat crops were in good condition and progressed well into the jointing stage. Little to no significant disease pressure in the wheat crop was reported.

**SOUTH PLAINS**

Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were good. More moisture was in the forecast. Winter wheat and oats were starting to green up and grow. Producers were applying fertilizer to winter wheat. Growers were busy preparing for planting season. Cattle looked good, and some growers were waiting for fields to dry out enough for preparations, including herbicide applications.

**LAW**

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But he added that another measure is just as important.

While law school applications across the nation — and in Texas — are down for the year, Texas A&M School of Law has seen a massive jump in the number of highly qualified people applying to be Aggie lawyers.

Dean Ahdieh said the School of Law has seen a jump of 25 percent in the number of applications this year. By comparison, applications nationally are off about 3 percent, compared with last year; in Texas, they are down between 2 percent or 3 percent.

Dean Ahdieh said: "I don't think there were a lot of people — other than Chancellor Sharp — who had the vision to see how far we could go and all that we could accomplish."

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A petition was filed on the 7 day of July, 2019, in the indicated court of HOWARD County, Texas. You are directed to file a written answer to the petition on or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served with this citation and petition. The suit is an action to establish paternity of and to enter appropriate orders for the conservatorship and support of the following child subject of the suit:

## Name

JAVEN FELIX ZEPEDA

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest, which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. No property is involved in the suit.

The suit is entitled:

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IN THE INTEREST OF

JAVEN FELIX ZEPEDA

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OF

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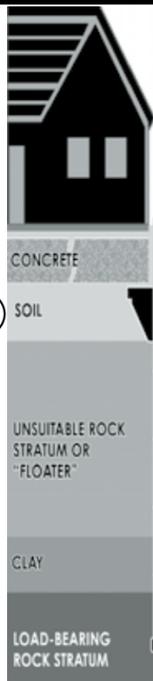
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CALLON PETROLEUM OPERATING CO, [RRC Operator No. 124828] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 25, Bk. 33 T1N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-314, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 2.58 miles NW direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 461.0  
Lease Lines : 687.0 F North L, 886.0 F West L  
Survey Lines : 687.0 F North L, 1761.0 F East L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 687.0 F NORTH L  
886.0 F WEST L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 26 Block: 33 T1N  
Abstract: 621  
Survey: T&P RR CO /DAWSON, E F  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L  
806.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L  
1866.0 F EAST L

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#10500

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
CV 2020 01474

IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH J. GALLEGOS, DECEASED

DENISE M. GALLEGOS, aka DENISE DURRETT TO SILVIA GALLEGOS

You are hereby notified that the above-named individual has filed a civil action in the above -entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being a Petition for Order recognizing Foreign Judgment in the State of New Mexico and Directing that the '69 Camaro, Vin 124379N512490 be titled and Registered by the Petitioner in the State of New Mexico. Unless you respond to the above as required by law and copy the Petitioner, Petitioner will move forward with a Motion for Default.

#10496

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE (REAL PROPERTY)**

BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution issued out of the 18th District Court of Howard County, State of Texas, in a certain cause numbered: CV55792 where in Lakeland West Capital 37 LLC the Plaintiff, and Inhome Care and Michael Earl Waters is the Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of \$5,431,297.33 judgments, plus interest of \$98,161.94 plus attorney's fees of \$309.00, the amount with interest thereon from October 28, 2019 at the rate of 5% per annum, and the further sum of \$100.00 cost of suit together with legal fees \$309.00 servicing fee, and commissions for collecting the same. I on the] 0th of March, 2020 at 12:49p.m. have levied upon, and will on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2020, at 300 S Main at the north courthouse door, between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Big Spring, Texas with in legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Michael Waters, in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the defendant, to wit:

**PROPERTY**

**Being the North/13 feet of Lot seven ( N/13 of 7) and the south 37 feet of Lot eight (S/37' of 8) Block tow (2) McDowell Heights Addition ,an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in Envelope 77/A plat Records of Howard County, Texas and commonly known as 1104 Scurry ,Big Spring, TX.**

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$5,529,868.27 Dollars in favor of Lakeland West Capital 37 LLC together with costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this

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

#10494

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37  
Case No. 0326059  
DATE OF ISSUANCE:  
Mar 19, 2020  
Status/Permit No. 862668  
NOTICE OF PROTEST  
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM,  
Apr 9, 2020  
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas  
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780  
Email:  
SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 448.0  
Lease Lines : 746.0 F North L, 886.0 F West L  
Survey Lines : 746.0 F North L, 1761.0 F East L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
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Terminus Location  
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Abstract: 621  
Survey: T&P RR CO /

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DAWSON, E F  
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L  
330.0 F WEST L  
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L  
2342.0 F EAST L

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#10501

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#10488

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct a 97-foot overall height monopole telecommunications structure located near 1611 W. 3rd Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (32° 14' 47.3", -101° 29' 42.5"). AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Megan Gomez, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Gomez can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. W0844. RJE

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#10502

**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker  
**Accentuating the negative**

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 9 6  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ A Q J 8 7 2  
♣ 8

**WEST**  
♠ 5 3 2  
♥ 10 9 6  
♦ 6 4 3  
♣ A 10 7 3

**EAST**  
♠ 7 4  
♥ A J 7 3  
♦ K  
♣ K Q J 5 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 10 8  
♥ 8 5 2  
♦ 10 9 5  
♣ 9 6

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1 ♠ Pass Pass Dble  
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦  
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠  
Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — ace of clubs.  
In some deals, declarer can tell at once that a particular defender cannot have a certain key card. So, while declarer can rarely be sure of every card a defender does hold, he can often feel certain about a specific card (or cards) that that defender does not hold.  
Here is a case in point. South reached four spades on the bidding

shown, and West led the ace of clubs. West then shifted to the ten of hearts. Dummy's queen lost to the ace, and a low heart return from East went to dummy's king. Declarer led a low spade to the ace, ruffed a club with dummy's king and drew two more rounds of trump.  
Having lost the first two tricks, South now had to avoid losing either a diamond trick or a heart trick. When the hand was actually played, declarer led a diamond to the ace at this point, felling East's singleton king. As a result, South wound up with 11 tricks — two more than he would have made had he taken the tempting diamond finesse.  
Unquestionably, declarer was lucky to find the diamond king unguarded. However, it was the kind of luck one learns to expect from good players.  
South did not need to peek to know that East had the king of diamonds. The bidding had indicated this, since West would hardly have passed his partner's opening bid with a hand containing the ace of clubs and king of diamonds. So, rather than play West for a card he couldn't have, South pinned his hopes on the relatively slim possibility that East's king was unchaperoned.

**Tomorrow:** Famous Hand.  
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**SUDOKU**

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

Level: Advanced

**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!

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

**ANSWER:**

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars and Pluto Point Out the Trouble

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The range of potential outcomes is wide, so there's plenty to be uncertain about -- unnerving to some, not to you, not today. You are inspired by the wide-open future.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Though you don't need the admiration of others to feel good about yourself, you'll notice today that accepting a compliment or two also doesn't hurt.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're a bright, colorful sail today -- not a motor but the cloth of potential. You need the heavenly currents to fill and move you forward. A gust would be nice, though a zephyr will do today.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** An idea has already come to you in passive forms, in pokes and suggestions and nudges. Now it comes as an intruder,

a neon sign, an entity that refuses forgetfulness and will wait no longer.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Beware the smile that spreads the mouth and never reaches the eyes. It isn't born from a smiling feeling. The best smiles start in the eyes and spread to the mouth.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Is the past ever quite over with? Everything you do today will build on it. Even the parts that have long been forgotten or shunned or rewritten are part of this ground.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're making the Herculean effort. You've got an amazing network to tap into. Everyone you know could be a co-conspirator if you wanted them to be. If you want help, then let people know.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** When you see people doing what you think you should be doing, it stirs up an

emotional brew that would be toxic to stew in. Move quickly on to how you can make these things happen for yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Being interested and curious puts you in the optimal state to forge connections. Being extremely attracted puts you in a suboptimal state, as it amps up the nervous system and skews judgment.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Impulsivity will figure into your learning curve today. Sometimes even you don't understand why you do a thing, but there is a reason. If you want to change, you

By HOLIDAY MATHIS can find reasons for different behaviors, too.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** If the critics show up, that will make a difference, not because they like your work or not, but because they legitimize and publicize it, making a stir. A stir is just what's needed.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Consider whether you're on the team that's best for you or if this is even the right game. To win by any rules other than the ones that fit your own values can be only a hollow victory.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 22).** Everyone sees how hard you work and how honest you are. You'll earn respect, support and an excellent ranking in the hierarchy of a group that complements you on many levels. This thriving period is also good for your domestic relationships and environment. There's a sense of security that prevails this year. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 33, 18 and 40.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The statues in the museum have fixed gazes that see the world only as it comes to them. For hundreds or even thousands of years, their stone eyes have witnessed the changes of light, the people passing and pausing, the centuries dying and dawning, all from one cold swath of vision. It is as though each statue is the fixed point from which the world revolves.

You, on the other hand, an ever-develop-

ing and evolving creature who can swivel and travel into different lights and mix into other environments, must constantly adjust for context. How does a free-floating creature maintain their bearing through an ever-changing environment? What is the ballast that allows for equilibrium and understanding? If you are moving and the world is moving, what is the constant?

Some find the constant in family and ancestry. Some stabilize in a sense of culture or a value or moral system they carry with them wherever they go. Those with a spiritual ballast may find that they are able to know where and who they are in any environment or dimension.

This new Aries moon week echoes a cosmic cry of "I am" through space. It will be as though the entire week is constructed to teach you just what "I am" means to you.

Write Holiday Mathis at [HolidayMathis.com](mailto:HolidayMathis.com).

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by S.N.  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**  
1 Squealing stoppers  
8 Top-of-a-line Apple  
15 Global portmanteau  
16 Woebegone  
17 Coming out with  
18 Cruise's career choice, in a 2003 film  
19 Insensitive, informally  
21 Small scrap  
22 Take the wrong way  
23 Underwater river valley  
26 Particular grouse  
27 Vocal buoyancy  
28 Honor for Peter, Paul and Mary  
32 Skating supporter  
33 Offers things you can do without  
34 East side  
35 Letter carrier  
36 "Just like that..."  
39 Tabloid fodder  
40 Breakfast fare  
41 Hopper  
42 Major at LSU and UCLA  
43 With no center  
44 High overhead  
47 Puts not very much away  
50 About whom Capote said, "That's not writing, it's typing"  
53 Cocktail gamish  
54 Part of the erstwhile Microsoft Student suite

- 55 Concise and clever  
56 Growing like weeds  
57 Dries out
- DOWN**  
1 Holistic notion  
2 Brief life  
3 Fragment of a geological scale  
4 Not quite what's next  
5 Step \_\_\_  
6 Bouquet holder  
7 Extended relation  
8 Unpredictable elements  
9 "\_\_\_ than expected" (Auckland Museum blog post on bone cleaning)  
10 Estuaries, for instance  
11 Your current reading  
12 Literary dueler  
13 Rather blue, perhaps  
14 40 Across tidbit  
20 Nietzsche, e.g.  
24 Ready for a change  
25 Highest levels  
28 Plants with legs  
29 "The covers of this book \_\_\_ far apart": Bierce  
30 Constrained cuss  
31 A  
33 A matter of course  
34 \$2000 appliance, circa 1983  
35 *Tierra al sureste de Barcelona*  
36 Jazz band nickname  
37 Super Glue remover  
38 Electrical best-sellers of the Twenties  
39 Omitting of mention, in contract-ese  
40 Grenada neighbor  
41 Festive seafood functions  
43 Word from the Latin for "is lacking"  
45 Ranch arrival  
46 Man named Mehmet, more than likely  
48 Took after  
49 \_\_\_ price  
51 Downloaded apps?  
52 Boulder from Piccadilly, in more ways than one

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Annie's Mailbox

Giving a Voice to the Mentally Ill

**Dear Annie:** I am new to your column, so I'm not sure what all you've shared with the public about mental illness. I'm hoping you will publish this letter because I feel that most people need to know more. It's often said that the more understanding one gains, the more compassion he/she can extend to others.

I have bipolar disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder. I've had these mental conditions for many years. And in that space of time, I've encountered many people who know very little about mental illness in general. Not long ago, a friend of my mother was talking to her about different people, here in our community, and she referred to some of them as "weirdos," "flakey," "nuts," etc. I was offended and hurt that she would talk that way around me. She knows I'm mentally ill. Some people can be so insensitive. If more folks knew how dreadfully painful mental illness can be, they might have more compassion for one another.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 1 in 5 people has a mental

illness. You'd think that since it's so common people would feel more at ease talking about it.

Television and movies do very little to educate the public on this topic. The mentally ill are often portrayed as dangerous criminals. However, studies have shown that only a very small percentage of the mentally ill are dangerous. It's more likely that a mentally ill person will be the victim, and not the perpetrator, as they are so often taken advantage of and treated cruelly.

There are those who believe that mentally ill people are lazy, irresponsible, manipulative and without love. In my lifetime, I have encountered many people with mental conditions who are very loving, responsible and hard-working citizens.

Psychiatric facilities and private practices can be a beacon of light for individuals who are in the dark about how to help themselves. Psychiatrists, therapists and community support workers offer hope, but a lot of folks are too ashamed or embarrassed to seek it out. I believe that if more people would take a stand for the mentally ill, the number of people who seek help would increase considerably, and more people could

find hope, happiness and fulfillment in their lives. Thank you for reading this. -- Anonymous

**Dear Anonymous:** And thank you for writing this. You are spot on. It's unfortunate that mental illness seems to only be a topic of conversation in the wake of tragedies. I encourage readers to visit <https://www.nami.org/find-support> or call the NAMI helpline (800-950-NAMI) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern, Monday through Friday.

**Dear Annie:** I laughed from recognition when I read about the 64-year-old lady, "L.C.," wanting to find a date in her small town. Your suggestion was that she focus on her own growth, and, by doing so, she might meet a special man. I met my husband at Sunday school when we were 79 and 83. Where better to focus on growth? -- Sunday School

**Dear Sunday School:** Thanks for reminding us that it's never too late to find true love.

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

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Answer to previous puzzle

CHEM	BAILS	SKIM
ROMP	ERNIE	NEMO
ABEAUTIFUL	DAY IN	
ZARAGOZA	FIRSTS	
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New Locations: Howard County		(720) 876-3926 survey	A-309, Section 15, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
Ovintiv USA, Inc. 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Denver, CO 80202-0000 Jessica Gregg, Regulatory Analyst (720) 876-3926	#3HJ Beartooth "05C", drill horizontal, EI: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40626 9.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-82, Section 5, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet Latitude 032.220479, Longitude -101.234199.	Contractor not listed  Ray (MWD) Yates 1192' BWPD San Andres 3454' Clear Fork 4500' Spraberry 6240' feet w/ 786 sx. Dean 7502' feet Wolfcamp 7585'	2301' FSL, 1970' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.3049292, Longitude -101.5676861 Total Depth: 7755 feet. PBTD: NA. Log: Gamma  Daily Potential: 1,195 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 914
Datum: NAD 27	259' FSL, 1086' FWL of 641.55-acre lease 259' FSL, 1086' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception	Murchison Oil and Gas, LLC Legacy Tower One 7250 Dallas Pkwy, Suite 1400 Plano, TX 75024-0000 survey (972) 931-07000	Pumping. GOR: 631 Spud: 2-22-19. Completed; 6-09-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7311 feet w/ 863 sx.; MS tool @ 3649  5-1/2" @ 18,070 feet w/ 2,683 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7274
HighPeak Holdings, LLC 421 W. 3rd Street, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, TX 76102-0000 Austin Koble, Consultant (512) 478-3456	#A-2H Mann "13-33 A" Unit, drill horizontal, EI: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40644 13.10 miles northeast of Coahoma A-754, Section 13, Block 25, H&FTC RR Co. survey Total Depth: 6400 feet Latitude 032.483423, Longitude -101.272532.	Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)	Perfs: 7930-17,970
Datum: NAD 27	270' FSL, 1283' FEL of 960-acre lease 270' FSL, 1371' FWL of the survey	BWPD Yates 1962' Seven Rivers 2065' San Andres 2305' Glorieta 4032' Clear Fork 4743' Spraberry 5947' Dean 7151' Wolfcamp 7284'	Pumping. GOR: 269 Spud: 5-18-19. Completed: 11-06-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6916 feet w/ 715 sx. MS tool @ 4109 feet w/ 1,060 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,657 feet w/ 2,605 sx.; 2-3/8" @ 7034 feet Perfs: 7505-17,620
HighPeak Holdings, LLC 421 W. 3rd Street, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, TX 76102-0000 Austin Koble, Consultant (512) 478-3456	#L-2H Mann "13-33 A" Unit, drill horizontal, EI: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-40645 13.10 miles northeast of Coahoma A-754, Section 13, Block 25, H&FTC RR Co. survey Total Depth: 6200 feet Latitude 032.483425, Longitude -101.272613.	Murchison Oil and Gas, LLC Legacy Tower One 7250 Dallas Pkwy, Suite 1400 Plano, TX 75024-0000 survey (972) 931-07000	#3HA Belle Starr Unit "36-37", API #42-227-40107 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2700' GR 18 miles northeast of Big Spring A-293, Section 37, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co.
Datum: NAD 27	270' FSL, 1308' FEL of 960-acre lease 270' FSL, 1346' FWL of the survey	Contractor not listed Ray (MWD)	262' FSL, 28' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.5042881, Longitude -101.4573451 Total Depth: 7500 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  Daily Potential: 546 Bbls 39.3 gravity oil w/ 2,652
Sinclair Oil & Gas Company P.O. Box 30825 Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0825 Austin Koble, Consultant (512) 478-3456	#1WA Marcy, drill horizontal, EI: NA, API #42-227-40646 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field 2.80 miles southwest of Big Spring A-364, Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet Latitude 032.210156, Longitude -101.481579.	BWPD Yates 1962' Seven Rivers 2065' San Andres 2305' Glorieta 4032' Clear Fork 4743' Spraberry 5947' Dean 7151' Wolfcamp 7284'	Pumping. GOR: 269 Spud: 5-18-19. Completed: 11-06-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6916 feet w/ 715 sx. MS tool @ 4109 feet w/ 1,060 sx. 5-1/2" @ 17,657 feet w/ 2,605 sx.; 2-3/8" @ 7034 feet Perfs: 7505-17,620
Datum: NAD 27	749' FNL, 2226' FEL of 625.5-acre lease 749' FNL, 2226' FEL of the survey SWR 36 (H2S)	Murchison Oil and Gas, LLC Legacy Tower One 7250 Dallas Pkwy, Suite 1400 Plano, TX 75024-0000 survey (972) 931-07000	#4HA Belle Starr Unit "36-37", API #42-227-40108 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2700' GR 18 miles northeast of Big Spring A-293, Section 37, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co.
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jody Boyd, Regulatory Analyst survey (918) 513-4570, Ext. 5180	#2NB Passow "25-24" (Allocation 'B'), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA, API #42-227-40606 5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-140, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1068949, Y=6805992. Datum: NAD 83 190' FSL, 873' FWL of 647.7-acre lease 190' FSL, 873' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception	Contractor not listed Ray (MWD) Yates 1192' 1,262 BWPD San Andres 3454' Clear Fork 4003' Spraberry 6240' feet w/ 786 sx. Wolfcamp 7882'	242' FSL, 28' FEL of the survey Latitude 032.5042349, Longitude -101.4573284 Total Depth: 7494 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Gamma  Daily Potential: 538 Bbls 39.3 gravity oil w/ 2,201
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jody Boyd, Regulatory Analyst survey (918) 513-4570, Ext. 5180	#3NB Passow "25-24" (Allocation 'C'), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA, API #42-227-40610 5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-140, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1069022, Y=6806008.8. Datum: NAD 83 190' FSL, 948' FWL of 647.7-acre lease 190' FSL, 948' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception	Encana Oil & Gas, Inc. 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Denver, CO 80202-0000 (720) 876-3926 survey  Contractor not listed  Ray (MWD) Yates 1192' 1,262 BWPD San Andres 3454' Clear Fork 4003' Spraberry 6240' feet w/ 786 sx. Wolfcamp 7882'	#2HK Broughton "15D", API #42-227-40023 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2562' GR 6.40 miles northwest of Big Spring A-309, Section 15, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  2351' FSL, 1970' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.3050626, Longitude -101.5677278 Total Depth: 7874 feet. PBTD: NA. Log: Gamma  Daily Potential: 1,498 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jody Boyd, Regulatory Analyst survey (918) 513-4570, Ext. 5180	#3NA Passow "25-24" (Allocation 'C'), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA, API #42-227-40611 5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-140, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1068973.2, Y=6805997.7. Datum: NAD 83 190' FSL, 898' FWL of 647.7-acre lease 190' FSL, 898' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception	Surge Operating, LLC 77850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064-0000 (832) 333-2332  Contractor not listed Neutron  2,217 BWPD Yates 2095' San Andres 3523' Clear Fork 5948' Spraberry 6418' Dean 7716' feet Wolfcamp 7839'	Pumping. GOR: 820 Spud: 2-21-19. Completed; 6-21-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 7512 feet w/ 903 sx.; MS tool @ 3649  5-1/2" @ 18,252 feet w/ 2,705 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7462 feet Perfs: 8085-18,149
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jody Boyd, Regulatory Analyst survey (918) 513-4570, Ext. 5180	#3NS Passow "25-24" (Allocation 'C'), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA, API #42-227-40612 5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-140, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1068997.6, Y=6806003.3. Datum: NAD 83 190' FSL, 923' FWL of 647.7-acre lease 190' FSL, 923' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4855 survey  Contractor not listed  (MWD) Yates 1711' 3,111 BWPD Seven Rivers 1809' San Andres 3017' Glorieta 3367' feet w/ 625 sx. Clear Fork 3560' Leonard 4026' Spraberry 5756' Dean 7037'	#2AH Stanley Unit "48-01", API #42-227-39891 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2748' GR 3.58 miles south of Vealmoor A-994, Section 48, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey 2250' FSL, 498' FWL of the survey Latitude 032.4685293, Longitude -101.5675208 Total Depth: 7904 feet. PBTD: 7856 feet. Log:  Daily Potential: 1,168.6 Bbls 37.8 gravity oil w/
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jody Boyd, Regulatory Analyst survey (918) 513-4570, Ext. 5180	#4NB Passow "25-24" (Allocation 'D'), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA, API #42-227-40620 5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-140, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1070311.9, Y=6806471.1. Datum: NAD 83 350' FSL, 331' FEL of 647.7-acre lease 350' FSL, 2309' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception	Contractor not listed  (MWD) Yates 1711' 3,111 BWPD Seven Rivers 1809' San Andres 3017' Glorieta 3367' feet w/ 625 sx. Clear Fork 3560' Leonard 4026' Spraberry 5756' Dean 7037'	2182' FSWL, 400' FNWL of the survey Latitude 032.3776668, Longitude -101.4123561 Total Depth: 7220 feet. PBTD: Log: Gamma Ray  Daily Potential: 1,164 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jody Boyd, Regulatory Analyst survey (918) 513-4570, Ext. 5180	#4NA Passow "25-24" (Allocation 'D'), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA, API #42-227-40621 5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-140, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1070306.3, Y=6806495.4. Datum: NAD 83 375' FSL, 331' FEL of 647.7-acre lease 375' FSL, 2309' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception	SM Energy Company 6301 Holiday Hill Road GR Midland, TX 79707-0000 (432) 848-4855 survey  Contractor not listed  (MWD) Yates 1707' 3,587 BWPD Seven Rivers 1805' San Andres 3017' Glorieta 3357' feet w/ 600 sx. Clear Fork 3564' Spraberry 5695' Dean 6937' Wolfcamp 7048'	#2744WA Buttercup, API #42-227-39895 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2598' 9.60 miles northeast of Big Spring A-1487, Section 6, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  2182' FSWL, 400' FNWL of the survey Latitude 032.3776668, Longitude -101.4123561 Total Depth: 7220 feet. PBTD: Log: Gamma Ray  Daily Potential: 1,164 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jody Boyd, Regulatory Analyst survey (918) 513-4570, Ext. 5180	#4NS Passow "25-24" (Allocation 'D'), drill Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA, API #42-227-40622 5.50 miles northeast of Big Spring A-140, Section 25, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  Total Depth: 9000 feet X=1070317.6, Y=6806446.9. Datum: NAD 83 325' FSL, 331' FEL of 647.7-acre lease 325' FSL, 2309' FWL of the survey Rule 37 Exception	Contractor not listed  (MWD) Yates 1707' 3,587 BWPD Seven Rivers 1805' San Andres 3017' Glorieta 3357' feet w/ 600 sx. Clear Fork 3564' Spraberry 5695' Dean 6937' Wolfcamp 7048'	Pumping. GOR: 472 Spud: 12-15-18. Completed: 8-30-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6542 feet w/ 670 sx.; MS tool @ 3531  5-1/2" @ 23,071 feet w/ 3,180 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6541 feet Perfs: 7597-22,974
Laredo Petroleum, Inc. horizontal 15 W. 6th Street, Suite 900 Tulsa, OK 74119-0000 Jody Boyd, Regulatory Analyst survey (918) 513-4570, Ext. 5180	#4AH Masters Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-40647 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Reg. Specialist (281) 589-5200 Datum: NAD 83	CrownQuest Operating, LLC P.O. Box 53310 GR Midland, TX 79710-0000 (432) 684-6381 survey  Contractor not listed  Yates 1966' San Andres 3504' Glorieta 4362' Clear Fork 4920' Spraberry 6659' feet w/ 525 sx. Dean 7937' feet Wolfcamp 8128'	#2745WA Vizzini, API #42-227-39894 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2598' 9.60 miles northeast of Big Spring A-1487, Section 6, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  2212' FSWL, 400' FNWL of the survey Latitude 032.3776637, Longitude -101.4122462 Total Depth: 7227 feet. PBTD: Log: Gamma Ray  Daily Potential: 1,189 Bbls 37.0 gravity oil w/
Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 40648 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Reg. Specialist (281) 589-5200 Datum: NAD 83	#5AH Masters Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-40648 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Reg. Specialist (281) 589-5200 Datum: NAD 83	Contractor not listed  Yates 1707' 3,587 BWPD Seven Rivers 1805' San Andres 3017' Glorieta 3357' feet w/ 600 sx. Clear Fork 3564' Spraberry 5695' Dean 6937' Wolfcamp 7048'	Pumping. GOR: 598 Spud: 12-15-18. Completed: 8-12-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 6597 feet w/ 700 sx.; MS tool @ 3507  5-1/2" @ 23,133 feet w/ 3,215 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6538 feet Perfs: 7668-23,035
Callon Petroleum Operating Co. 40648 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Reg. Specialist (281) 589-5200 Datum: NAD 83	#5SH Masters Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-40648 2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy South Suite 2000 Houston, TX 77042-0000 Ryan Emery, Reg. Specialist (281) 589-5200 Datum: NAD 83	CrownQuest Operating, LLC P.O. Box 53310 GR Midland, TX 79710-0000 (432) 684-6381 survey  Contractor not listed  Yates 2210' San Andres 3253' Glorieta 3848' Clear Fork 4294' Spraberry 5471' feet w/ 730 sx. Dean 6676' feet Wolfcamp 6743'	#4AA Sycamore "E", API #42-227-39863 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2563' 4 miles southwest of Knott A-589, Section 40, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell  1300' FWL, 660' FNL of the survey Latitude 032.3484403, Longitude -101.6728996 Total Depth: 8334 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Radial Cement Gamma Ray/CCL Daily Potential: 1,158 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 1,108 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 960 Spud: 1-22-19. Completed: 10-05-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 8452 feet w/ 100 sx.; MS tool @ 3796  5-1/2" @ 16,603 feet w/ 1,925 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7700
New Oil Completions: Howard County	#1HJ Broughton "15C", API #42-227-40022 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2562' GR 6.40 miles northwest of Big Spring	Contractor not listed  Yates 2210' San Andres 3253' Glorieta 3848' Clear Fork 4294' Spraberry 5471' feet w/ 730 sx. Dean 6676' feet Wolfcamp 6743'	#1HD Sink, API #42-227-39825 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, EI: 2752' 4 miles southeast of Elbow A-173, Section 43, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey 562' FEL, 250' FNL of the survey Latitude 032.1456496, Longitude -101.4385699 Total Depth: 9193 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Radial Cement Gamma Ray/CCL Daily Potential: 718 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 1,132 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 916 Spud: 6-04-19. Completed: 10-10-19. Pay: NA 9-5/8" @ 9119 feet w/ 650 sx.; MS tool @ 3566  5-1/2" @ 19,103 feet w/ 2,160 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 8657

# Howard County Library news this week:

## Special to the Herald

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Sandra Verdin

While the library is closed, we thank you for your patience and understanding. 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, the City of Big Spring, and Howard County offices, Howard County Library has made the following changes to programs and services.

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.

While reviews are not posted on this week's column, we do want to highlight that patrons can still access online content such as eBooks and audiobooks through our webpage. Instructions for set-

ting up an account are on the Digital Collections section of our webpage. In the following days we will be adding more content on our Digital Collections page about SimplyE, another reading application to access eBooks and audiobooks.

Additionally, we will be adding more resources throughout our webpage. On our Facebook page we will be posting information and online resources for parents and families to access. We will also be posting links and online resources for those who may not have a library card at the moment. These resources and updates will be highlighted on our Facebook page, please check regularly.

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- Marcus Aurelius

## Big Spring Intermediate Living Museum



HERALD photos/Anna Gutierrez

In place of doing oral presentations in front of a class, Big Spring Intermediate students had an opportunity to research people who have left a lasting mark on history. Students presented pieces of history and represented their legacy to other students, teachers and staff.

## H-E-B encourages Texas helping Texans to fight coronavirus threat, launches senior delivery option

### Special to the Herald

H-E-B has launched Texans Helping Texans, a community-outreach initiative that's guided by digital innovation, compassionate philanthropy and the generous spirit and strength that brings together all Texans during uncertain times.

We heard loud and clear that our Texas seniors need help — and H-E-B and Favor are taking help to them.

H-E-B, in partnership with Favor Delivery, launched a simple, low-cost solution that gives seniors access to their very own personal shopper by phone, allowing them to get essential food and supplies delivered to them, while remaining in the comfort and safety of their home. Beginning on Friday,

March 20, seniors across Texas, age 60 and older, will be able to place orders with Favor using a curated list of products available from H-E-B.

Please see our article on H-E-B Newsroom for more details about this service, H-E-B's recently launched in-store donation campaign, and the many other efforts the company is doing to support our most vulnerable communities.

For more: <https://newsroom.heb.com/h-e-b-launches-community-care-efforts-across-the-state-to-assist-our-most-vulnerable-neighbors/>

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**Include Full Name and Age Of Each Child.**

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