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Gun and Blade Show for April 4-5 at Horseshoe Pavillion has been cancelled

Big Spring Film Festival Postponed until later date

National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative for April 25

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

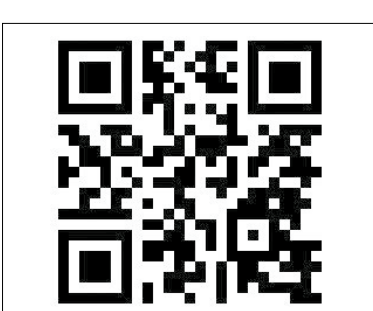
KBSB has cancelled Trash Off set for April 4 along with all other activities, including Toasty Tuesdays until further notice.

Master the Mountain 5K/10K set for April 18 at the State Park has also been postponed. No new date available

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Declaration of Public Health Disaster main topic of City Council meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

A desolate Council Chamber - 8 attendees - was the setting for Tuesday's City Council meeting in order to keep in accordance with the current guidance to keep group gatherings to 10 or less. Mayor Shannon Thomason and Councilman Jim DePauw were in physical attendance with other council members - Camilla Strande, Gloria McDonald, Raul Marquez, and Doug Hartman - joining by teleconference.

As the meeting began, with no public comments, City Manager Todd Darden reported his update on Large Item Pickup, which most recently was conducted in District 3. He reported there was not as good a turnout as other districts, but said it was comparable to years in the past. During the March 18 pick up, there was a total of 22 tons picked up by City crews, bringing the total to 104 tons for total collection since January. In District 1, there was 45 tons picked up and 37 tons picked up in District 2. The



next Large Item Pickup will take place in District 4 on April 15 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"There has been good participation and it shows there was a need for this service," Darden said.

During discussion of Consent Items, it was brought to the floor as a concern by Councilman Jim DePauw, why the second reading of the Airpark project was not on the agenda. Mayor Thomason, during discussion informed DePauw, he removed the second reading regarding the Airpark on Friday before the

agenda was published. No further discussion was had on this issue and the Consent Items were approved by all.

As part of new business the Consideration was presented for Council to voice their opinion to having the Resolution of a Declaration of Public Health Disaster for the City of Big Spring, Texas an emergency, with Councilman DePauw objecting on the emergency portion, which sends the Resolution to go through two readings.

"Under the circumstances we need to be careful of what we call an emergency, especially with the inability to have people come and speak," DePauw said.

Before the Council went to vote, Mayor Thomason offered explanation on the resolution informing the council about the declaration. According to his explanation, the Declaration extends and gives the ability for the City to apply to FEMA and the State for compensation for additional funds spent by the

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City Council calls Special Meeting for Thursday BSEDC project loan, Texas Open Meetings Act up for discussion

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

A special meeting of the Big Spring City Council has been called for Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be accessible through Channel 17 on Suddenlink or on the City website at <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>.

The special meeting will be opened with a moment for Public Comment followed by Public Hearing. The Council will take input on items requiring public hearing items prior to any action.

As part of old business the Council will have the final reading of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Big Spring, authorizing and approving a project and a Loan (and terms thereof) in the amount of up to six million dollars to finance infrastructure and road improvements to the Big Spring Airpark, approving the execution and delivery of loan documents relating thereto, delegating authority to the President of Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to consummate the loan and containing other matters related thereto: providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

The Council will then move to new business and look to approve the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

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State Hospital suspends visitation

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN - To prevent the spread of COVID-19, Texas Health and Human Services has temporarily suspended visitation and on-campus events at state hospitals and state supported living centers across Texas.

"We are working across the state to protect the health and safety of the people we serve and our staff at our state hospitals and living centers," said Mike Maples, HHS Deputy Executive Commissioner for the Health and Specialty Care System, which operates state hospitals and SSLCs. "We are continuing to keep families informed as we implement these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infectious disease and protect everyone on campus."

On-campus events such as family association meetings, volunteer services council meetings and express hiring events are cancelled until further notice. If applicable, meetings can be held by phone.

Rare exceptions to the temporary visitation policy may be granted with the approval of the patient's or resident's treatment team and the associate commissioner. The policy does not apply to in-person visits for people receiving end-of-life

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Routine agenda set for Coahoma Board of Trustees

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The Coahoma Board of Trustees is set to meet to discuss a routine agenda on Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Elementary Board Room.

According to the agenda, the Board of Trustees will be looking to approve minutes from the previous meeting, budget amendments and TEKS certification.

Discussion and possible approval will be made regarding the 2020-21 school calendar.

The Board will also give consider-

ation and possible approval to Vendergrif Group Architects.

Discussion will also take place around the upcoming May 2, 2020 School Board Trustee Election. Due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and limitations of gatherings, the Board of Trustees will be making an Order declaring the election cancelled.

The Board will also discuss information items regarding enrollment/ADA/WADA report and hear from the Superintendent.

There will also be an update provided on bond projects that are taking place

and an update on tax appraisal information.

To keep the Board of Trustees updated there will also be discussion and information provided on the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Before the meeting concludes, the Board will also discuss the COPS grant and HB 1566 and the impact it could have on the school district and/or students.

Other routine items on the agenda include:

- Financial reports
- Possible Executive Session - Discuss personnel
- SRO
- Board Training Opportunities 2020
- Board meeting dates

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Obituaries

Gareth L. "Gary" Kistler

Gareth L. "Gary" Kistler, 80, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 7, 1939, in Pottsville, Pennsylvania and married Karen Marie Wojahn June 16, 196, in Velva, North Dakota. She preceded him in death April 27, 2007.

Gary served in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 197, and was discharged at a Staff Sergeant.

He worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center from 1992 until retiring in 2007.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ. Survivors include two sons, Paul Kistler and wife, Carla of Big Spring, and Karl Kistler of Velva, North Dakota; two grandchildren, Christi Estrella and Katie Kistler; two great-grandchildren, Mike-la Estrella and Ian Estrella; and a sister, Eileen Rubart of Florida.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Patricia Heinbach.

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

Paid Obituary

Frances Ferguson

Frances Ferguson, 77, of Big Spring died Monday, March 23, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

John Lyons

John Lyons, 66, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- **DARIUS LACHARLES MCCALISTER**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge public intoxication and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **ROSALYN MCCALISTER**, 50, was arrested by

BSPD on charges theft of property between \$100 and \$750; public intoxication, possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.

- **SARAH PENA**, 52, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- **AMADOR RIOS, JR.**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th St. No transport was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N.

Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N. 8th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Jennings. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of 1900 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Cheyenne. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 8500 block of W I-20. No transport was needed.

Take Note

• City of Big Spring offices will remain open by appointment and electronic means only effective Sunday, March 22, at midnight. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Water Office (432-264-2319); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2505); Community Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); Facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); The Big Spring Senior Center will be closed to congregate meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1268, for more information. All City pavilions and playground structures will remain closed until further notice. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• 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.

• 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 WestTexas@alz.org, call 1-800-272-3900, or go to the link at bit.ly/ConfBS20. More information can also be found at www.alz.org/westtexas.

• **CANCELLED** - 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.

• **POSTPONED** : 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.

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Food Pick Up Info

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

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

If your restaurant or organization is helping feed students during this time, please e-mail us information and we will be sure to include it in our listing and let the community know. On behalf of the Big Spring Herald and all those who are able to receive support during this time, we say Thank You for all that you are doing and continue to do. The support is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

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New policies, precautions implemented

Editor's Note: Local organizations and businesses are continuing to adapt to the COVID-19 situation and implement new procedures, policies, limitations and more as the days progress. The following are statements that have been released over the past few days.

Big Spring Professional Firefighter Association

The Big Spring Fire Department Command Staff has implemented the following COVID19 Mitigation Policies

- All fire stations are now closed to the public, no entry by non essential personnel.
- All BSFD Public Relations events are being cancelled.

(While we enjoy your visits and giving station tours, we must ask that you help us stay safe and healthy at this time)

- We have amended our response to certain types of calls. As of now BSFD Engines will first respond with Medic units to Cardiac, Respiratory, & Falls. Engines will priority stage and only respond if help is requested by the Medic Unit. Rescue Calls will be responded to as normal.
- Crews are also limiting non-emergency runs outside the station. All outside training has been cancelled. All meetings are moving to teleconference.
- Additional sanitizing and cleaning efforts of City Fire Stations are underway, we are also reducing the amount of time shift crews are exposed to each other to stop any possible infection spread.
- BSFD Crews are monitoring their temperatures

every 12 hours and any firefighter with a temperature above 100 degrees Farenheit will be sent home to monitor their condition.

- BSFD has been working tirelessly to make sure that your firefighters have the right equipment, ppe, and response plans to make sure firefighters can remain safe and ready to respond when needed.
- *** Current Status: PHASE 1 ***
- Confirmed COVID19 calls with NO IMMEDIATE life threats, no response by BSFD , diverted response by public health.
- Confirmed COVID19 calls with an IMMEDIATE life threat, full response BUT BSFD crews will don gowns, gloves, masks, and eye protection first.
- NO REDUCTION in the number of BSFD fire

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City in actions taken to respond to the pandemic. As the council put the Reading of a Resolution of the City Council renewing and extending the Declaration of Public Health Emergency/Disaster issued by the Mayor on March 18 in response to COVID-19 pandemic and the United States' "15 Days to Slow the Spread" campaign and authorizing the City Manager and his designee to take such steps as are necessary to support the declarations therein made, providing for an effective date, to vote, it passed the first reading unanimously. With the objection to the Emergency Reading by DePauw it sent the item to be go through a second reading.

Agenda Item 14 , consideration and possible action declaring a Resolution amending Chapter VIII of the City of Big Spring personnel policies and procedures by adding a new section 11 entitled "Emergency/Disaster employee and working conditions designation; telecommuting and leave; and exceptional conditions paid leave an emergency" passed with a 7-0 vote by the council, but the item 14a, emergency reading was objected by DePauw, which sent this for a second reading as well.

"We have to let people look at it, so it's important that we have a second reading," DePauw stated.

During council input Councilman Jim DePauw referenced the Airpark Road project's second reading not appearing on the agenda for Tuesday night's meeting. He spoke about the importance and the impact the project could have on our community. DePauw mentioned there will be a special

meeting held, on Thursday at 5:30 p.m., regarding this issue.

Councilwoman Strande referenced the current situation surrounding COVID-19 and encouraged the community to stay calm. Councilman Doug Hartman encouraged the community to stop hoarding and only purchase what is needed. According to Mayor Thomason the city leaders will be meeting with retail stores to see what the City can do to help keep the shelves stocked.

"Thank the City staff for all they have been doing during this change in our lives; thank you Mayor for stepping up and leading and informing the City about what's happening. I don't think there is anyone who's not affected by what's happening at this time," Councilman Marquez said. "Slow the spread, wash your hands and the most important thing is do your part through social distancing and cleanliness. We all have to participate. It's a different time for us to be in ... "

Mayor Thomason stated, in regards to COVID-19, there are no confirmed cases at this time, but that doesn't mean there won't be.

"It's very likely there will be at some point. A lot of cities around us, especially the ones seeing community spread, are issuing shelter in place orders, such as Lubbock and Midland who was set to have a press conference this afternoon," Thomason said. "The City of Big Spring is not there yet. We are looking at it very closely, but we have not crossed that bridge yet. I hope and pray we don't."

Thomason continued, "It's not an action I want to see taken, but if it's something that we need to do to protect our citizens then we will certainly do that. We are diligently following Executive Orders by

the Governor this past week and again on Sunday." As the meeting drew to a conclusion, Mayor Thomason stated, "Our greatest natural resource is not what we pull out of the ground or even what we grow on top of it, but the people that make it happen. We have great folks here and I'm sure they will all pull together, and we will make it out the other side of this thing."

Other items approved and addressed by the City Council included:

- Vouchers for 03/12/2020 and 03/19/2020
- Minutes from City Council regular meeting of March 10, 2020
- Applications needed for engineer or architect board member for Board of Adjustments and Appeals, alternate for Zoning Board of Adjustments, Animal Control and Rescue Committee, Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and Parks Recreation Board.
- Final reading of Ordinance of the City Council of City of Big Spring pertaining to the Hotel Occupancy Tax

The City Council meetings can be found on Channel 17 through Suddenlink or on the website at <http://mybigspring.com/224/Channel-17-Live>. The special meeting of the City Council set for Thursday will also be available for viewing through these channels as well.

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minutes for the regular meeting of Feb. 18, 2020 and for the special meeting of March 3. There will also be discussion regarding the requirements and ramifications of Texas Government Code Section 551.143 (Texas Open

Meetings Act). Before the meeting adjourns, there will be a moment for Council input. Those wanting to make a public comment during the meeting can do so by calling 432-271-6537.

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VISIT

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care, state investigators, law enforcement, Texas Office of Inspector General, and judges, attorneys and staff. All approved visitors will be subject to a temperature check before entering the facility as well as a travel history check. People visiting these facilities must pass these screenings to be allowed on campus. There are no exceptions. State hos-

pitals provide in-patient psychiatric care for patients, and SSLCs provide 24-hour residential care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. People can stay up-to-date on the latest guidance from Texas HHS by visiting the Texas HHS COVID-19 page. For health-related information and

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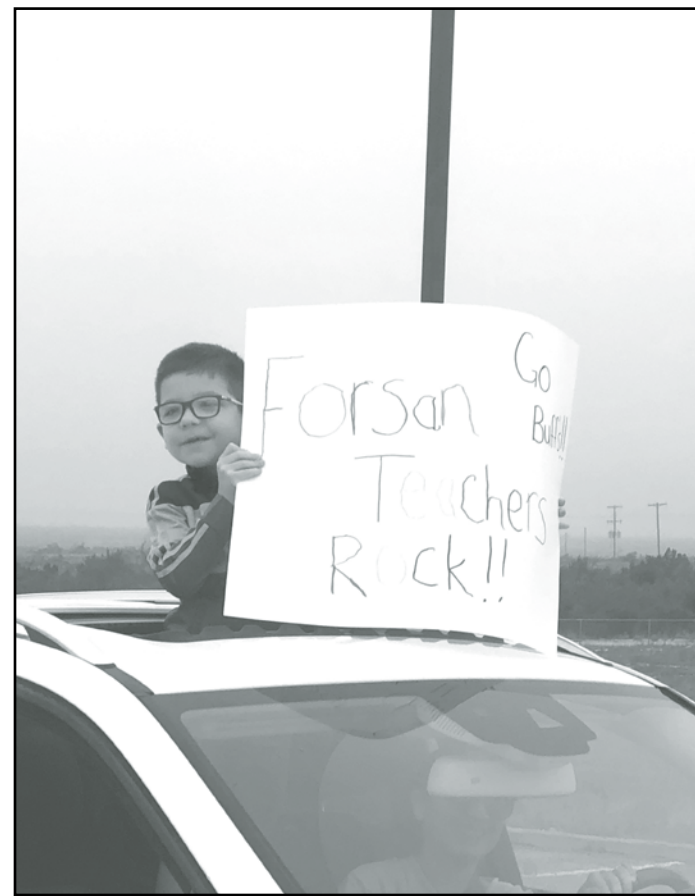
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Forsan Elementary students show love to teachers, staff picking up education packets



Courtesy photos

Forsan Elementary staff joined with students in a virtual spirit week. Students and families picked up new at home learning packets on Monday. During the pick up teachers sported their pajamas as part of spirit week and students showed their love for their teachers in the pick up line.



SMMC implements testing site, hotline for COVID-19

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Scenic Mountain Medical Center announced earlier this week that a COVID-19 testing site has been opened. In addition to the test site, which is located at 1608 W. FM 700 Suite E. The testing site will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The site will be open for those who feel like they have the following symptoms: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. A triage clinic has also been set up and those who are experienc-

ing these symptoms are asked to call, 432-268-2800. During the call an appointment will be set up. According to information issued by SMMC via their Facebook information page, upon arrival, patients are asked to stay in their car and the staff will get things taken care of.

"We are following CDC guidelines for the COVID-19 testing which includes getting a flu and strep test and then if necessary will be followed up

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with a COVID-19 test," the press release stated.

There is a limited number of testing provided by Clinical Pathology Laboratories and no state testing is provided at this time. The information provided also mentioned, if the physician feels the COVID-19 testing is not required, the patient will be responsible for normal co-pay.

In an effort to alleviate some of the strain and to aide in social distancing, SMMC has also set up a 24-hour

hotline that can be called for screening by phone, at 432-268-4785.

Those who feel they have symptoms associated with COVID-19 or have been exposed to the virus are encouraged to call the hotline or their primary provider.

"Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our community safe," a press release stated from SMMC.

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According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "the likelihood of an infected person contaminating commercial goods is low and the risk

of catching the virus that causes COVID-19 from a package that has been moved, traveled, and exposed to different conditions and temperature is also low." WHO also advises communities to "stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak" through your "national and local public health authority."

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Comanche Golf Course providing healthy refuge during city closures by COVID-19

By SHAWN MORAN
Herald Sportswriter

The state and country are currently in a tumultuous time where there are school closures, quarantines, and closed businesses affecting the economy of each and every city.

Throughout the city of Big Spring, places to go for exercising and other athletic leisure activities have been temporarily closed down. The local YMCA and gyms are currently closed down, as is the state park and its hiking trails.

People across Big Spring who are looking to shed the dreariness of the current health crisis are asking themselves the question: Where can I go for physical activity during this time?

The answer is the Comanche Trail Municipal Golf Course.

Comanche Trail is currently open and operating at a busier-than-usual rate. While they are choosing to stay open that does not mean that Superintendent Howard Stewart is taking the COVID-19 situation lightly. Stewart and his staff have changed several things around their course to help with cutting down on the spread of germs and the overall health and cleanliness of all of their golfers. "We've made some changes," Stewart said. "Things that you touch a lot are either removed or are covered, the restrooms on the course are closed down, and we've made it to where no one has to reach down in the cup for their ball."

That is not all they are doing at Comanche Trail. Stewart also has a list of eight rules that are posted throughout the course about rules customers need to follow to ensure that the golf course can stay open.

Written at the top of the placard in large, red, italicized letters is the declaration, "If you don't feel good - stay home!"

That hopeful decree is followed by eight rules that are meant to be followed strictly while during your time at the course.

(1) All flags have been removed from the greens. Cups are now 1/2 way out of the ground. If you hit the cup - it went in.

"We've raised the cups out of the ground and instead of the ball falling in the hole, if you hit the cup, you made it," Stewart said.

(2) Do not use the ball washers. (We will be trying to remove them.)

With the spread of germs a major concern throughout the entire planet, restricting the use of and removing a piece of equipment that comes in contact with many peoples hands is a great decision.

(3) You will be given a Clorox wipe to wipe your steering wheel down.



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While many organizations and businesses are closing or limiting access during COVID-19, one of the few recreational activities still available is golf at the Municipal Golf Course. While there are new restrictions and guidelines during this time, the option is still there for those wanting to get out and enjoy a round of golf.

Throughout the day, several parties may use the same golf cart. To ensure that everyone is keeping away from germs, a Clorox wipe will be used at the end of every round to clean the steering wheel.

(4) Wash your hands as often as possible.

The restrooms scattered throughout the course are currently closed so it would be wise to bring your own hand sanitizer to the course.

(5) Throw your own trash away, where others do not have to handle it.

Making sure your trash gets into the trash can is a small task. As long as everyone does their part, there should be no stray trash for employees of the course to pick up at the end of the day.

(6) NO gathering of 10 or more on the course - anytime or anywhere.

This rule was the most important to Stewart. If people are unable to follow these directions and begin to group up in large numbers, then the course will not be able to remain open much longer.

"We've warned everyone about giving everybody space and don't gang up," Stewart said. "We've changed our tee times from every 10 minutes to now bring 15 minutes apart to try to spread people out on the golf course."

(7) NO SHARING clubs, balls, food or drinks.

Use your own equipment while on the course and

refrain from sharing snacks or drinks during your round. Everyone will go home healthy and the crew will be able to share a large meal following their round at Comanche Trail.

(8) Enjoy your play and go home.

The most important part of golf is to have fun playing one of the world's greatest sports. If everyone can keep to themselves and remain clean, then the course will be able to remain open with all golfers healthy.

Stewart believes that if these eight rules are followed then there is no reason he should have trouble staying open. He also knows that if a golfer comes in who has the virus, or one of his employees catches it, then the closure of the golf course will follow soon thereafter.

Playing a round of 18 holes is a great physical activity and can also help get one's mind off of the current state of the country.

For now, if you are looking to get out of the house and stretch your legs, the Comanche Trail Golf Course is the place to be.

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Six-time Super Bowl champ Brady looking forward, not behind

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Brady says one day he'll have time to reflect on a historic 20-year stint with the New England Patriots.

Right now, the six-time Super Bowl champion and newest member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers is focused on his next challenge. It's a big one.

"I don't want to talk about the past because that's not relevant to what's important in my future and what's going on in this off-season for me," Brady said Tuesday during a 32-minute conference call in which he declined to discuss specifics about his decision to leave his old team.

The three-time NFL MVP reiterated that while he cherished "two decades of incredible experience and learning from some of the best players and the best coaches, and the ownership" of the Patriots, he's excited about moving forward with the Bucs, who have a 12-season playoff drought.

"I think for all of us, things in life can change and you've got to be able to adapt and evolve," said Brady, who signed a two-year, fully guaranteed \$50 million contract with Tampa Bay last week.

He can earn an additional \$9 million in incentives.

"The transition, I'd say, is very emotional. ... Relationships are what matter most to me. I'm going to be friends

with my teammates, my former teammates and coaches, for the rest of my life. That's not going to leave just because I'm wearing a different jersey," the 42-year-old quarterback added. "But at the same time, for me the next jersey I'm wearing, I'm prepared to give them every bit of commitment that I've had my entire career to be the best I can be to help this team be the best it can be."

The Bucs officially introduced Brady during a conference call instead of a customary news conference, because the NFL has imposed restrictions on travel and access to team facilities because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The four-time Super Bowl MVP said in addition to diving into coach Bruce Arians' playbook, he's eager to get acquainted with his new teammates and tackle the challenge of helping Tampa Bay end the second-longest playoff drought in the league.

Tampa Bay hasn't made the playoffs since 2007 and doesn't have a postseason victory since winning its only Super Bowl championship 17 years ago.

Brady, who ranks second in career passing yards and touchdowns, appeared in nine Super Bowls, 13 AFC championship games and won 17 division titles with New England.

"Everyone has somewhat different

styles and philosophies," Brady said, adding he's looking forward to mastering a new offense and working with a talented group of young playmakers that include Pro Bowl receivers Mike Evans and Chris Godwin, tight ends O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate and running back Ronald Jones.

"Football to me is about throwing the ball to the guy that's open. And if he's open deep, that's where you throw. And if he's open short, you throw it there. If he's open outside, you throw it there. If he's open inside, that's where you throw," Brady said. "You get the ball to the guys who can do something with it. ... There's a lot of ground to make up because I haven't worked with these players, I'm going to have to learn what they do, their body language, how they like things. That's part of the challenge."

The Bucs finished 7-9 last season, leading the NFL in passing but missing the playoffs for the 12th straight year largely because former quarterback Jameis Winston paced the league with 30 interceptions — 35 turnovers overall.

Statistically, Brady is coming off one of the worst non-injury seasons of his career in 2019. Nevertheless, the Patriots won 12 games before losing to Tennessee at home in the opening round of the playoffs.

Brady was joined on the conference call by Arians and general manager Jason Licht, who was a scout with the Patriots when New England selected the quarterback in the sixth round of the 2000 draft.

Both referred to Brady as the greatest quarterback of all time.

"Not to me because of what he does on the field, but what he does to his teammates," Arians said. "He makes everyone better who walks into that huddle."

Brady, who met with Patriots owner Robert Kraft and also spoke with coach Bill Belichick the night before announcing he was leaving New England, said he wishes his old team well.

"There's nobody who's been a bigger fan of the Patriots than me. I have nothing but total respect and love. I'm so grateful to Mr. Kraft, and the organization, and coach Belichick, and all the coaches — and obviously, all my teammates," Brady said.

"It'll be certainly different. But at the same time, that's the way life can be at times," Brady added. "What won't be different is my approach to the game, my approach to what my role and responsibilities are. I'm going to go out and do the best I can every day to put our team in a position to win."

Saints add defensive end Spence, XFL INT leader Nichols

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — New Orleans Saints general manager Mickey Loomis says the club has agreed to free-agent contracts with defensive end Noah Spence and XFL interception leader Deatrick Nichols.

The 6-foot-2, 251-pound Spence returns to the Saints after first joining New Orleans for the final three regular season games of 2019 and one playoff game.

The four-year veteran out of Eastern Kentucky began his NFL career when Tampa Bay selected him in the second round of the 2016 draft. His rookie season, when he had 5 1/2 sacks remains his best yet.

He played his first three season with the Buccaneers and played about half of last season with Washington. He has played in a 41 career regular season games, during which he has 7 1/2 sacks and

four forced fumbles.

Nichols spent part of 2020 playing cornerback for the XFL's Houston Roughnecks and intercepted three passes before the season was shortened after just five games.

The former South Florida player was not drafted but was signed as a rookie free agent by the Arizona Cardinals in 2018. He was on the Cardinals' regular season roster for six weeks that season and played in two games. He also spent the 2019 offseason and preseason with the Cardinals, but was released before the regular season.

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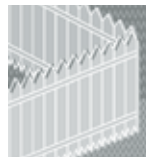
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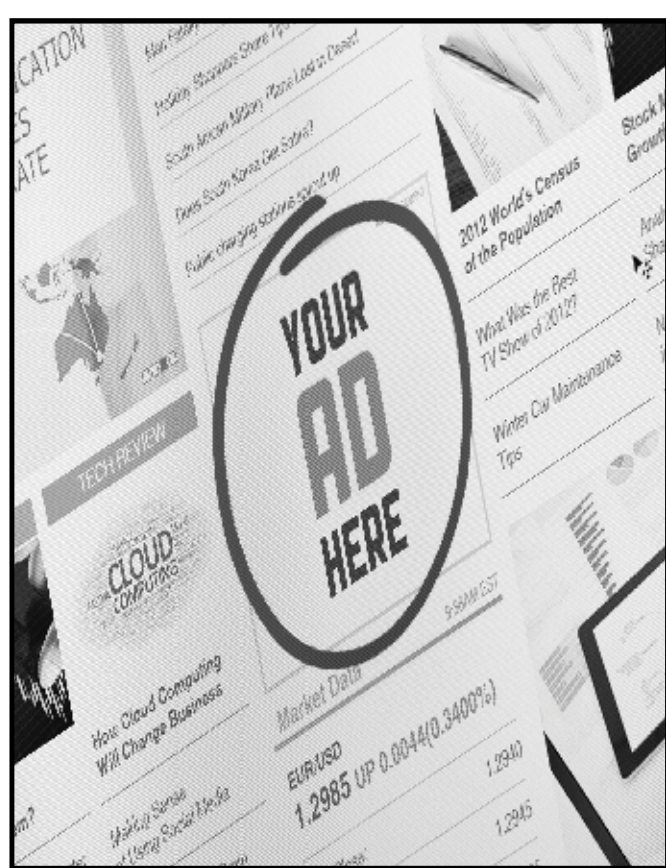
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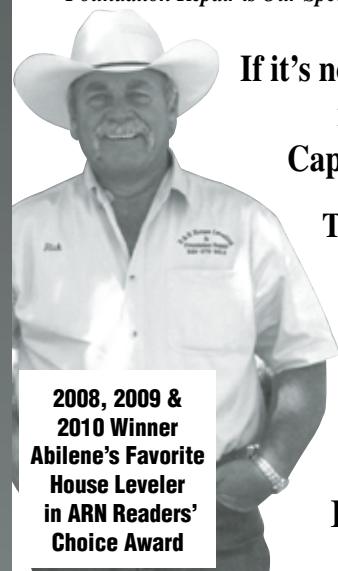
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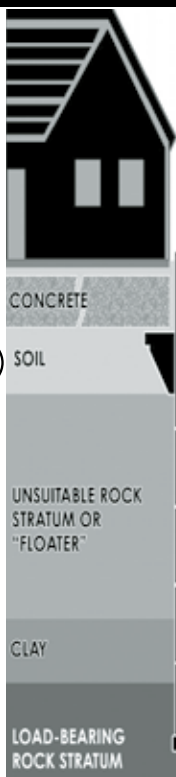
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North-South vulnerable.
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♠ Q 10 9 5
♥ 8 6 2
♦ A
♣ A Q J 10 4
WEST
♠ K 8 4
♥ 10 7 4 3
♦ 9 8 7 5
♣ 6 2
EAST
♠ J 6 2
♥ Q
♦ K J 6 4 3
♣ 9 7 5 3
SOUTH
♠ A 7 3
♥ A K J 9 5
♦ Q 10 2
♣ K 8

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♥ Pass 4NT Pass
5♥ Pass 6♥

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.
It is very good practice to formulate a plan of play as soon as dummy appears. But it also is important to remain ready to alter that plan if something unexpected happens along the way.
Take this case where West leads a diamond to dummy's ace, at which point declarer begins considering his preliminary plan of play. There are

several courses of action available to South, any of which might succeed, but as good a prospect as any is to lead a trump from dummy, intending to finesse the jack.
This will virtually assure the slam even if the jack loses to the queen, provided the trumps are divided 3-2. In that case, declarer's 12 tricks will consist of a spade, four hearts, a diamond, a diamond ruff in dummy and five club tricks.
But when a trump is led from dummy at trick two, East unexpectedly produces the queen. It would seem normal to win this trick and ruff two diamonds in dummy, but if South attempts this line of play, he later runs into a dead end and eventually goes down one.
However, declarer can ensure the slam by ducking East's queen of hearts at trick two. This is a difficult play to make, for two reasons. One is the natural urge to cover the queen with a holding of A-K-J-9-5. The other is that it is psychologically difficult to abandon a course of play formed just one trick earlier.
If declarer lets the queen hold, he is completely out of the woods. There is no return East can make that will stop South from ruffing a diamond in dummy to produce 12 tricks.

Tomorrow: A low blow.
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SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:

Post New Moon

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Among the most effective ways to let people know you care is also the easiest way -- to tell them. You may not identify as a poet, but when you speak simply from the heart, you will be one anyway.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone will drop defenses to solve a problem. What went wrong and why are legitimate questions that will get answered with little fuss, and future dealings will go much better from there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's an art to knowing what to appreciate. To give credit where its due sounds like an easy task, but it actually takes a deeper accounting than what can be observed from the surface.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Playfulness is an attribute you possess no matter what else is going on around you. When you bring that quality into typically serious situations, it will have a transformative effect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Use the limits of human memory to your advantage,

building key moments. People will remember the first five minutes of an encounter and they will remember the highlight and/or low point.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The society values action over contemplation. If you go off by yourself to pray, commune and connect with different realms, you will be fortified so long as you don't expect anyone else to understand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Devote everything to your strengths and let the rest take care of itself. It will feel selfish, until you get used to the idea that your happiness and productivity contributes to the happiness and productivity of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The ancient

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



wisdom suggests the order is: pride, fall. So as you witness the proclamation, the puffed-up chest, the boasting and posturing, take it as your cue to step aside to make

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For a moment, you'll leave the worries of daily life, status and identity behind to stretch your heart and soul into a limitless spiritual realm. This will be the moment that restores you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've something to show the world today. Make it easy for people to get to the thing you want them to know. When it comes to influence, claiming a moment of focus is half the battle.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 25). You'll fill your various roles like a superstar following but a few rules. One of them is to listen more than you talk, a habit that will open the world to you. Relationships deepen, work gets more interesting and lucrative, and adventures happen because people decide you're the one they want to adventure with. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 3, 31, 39 and 45.

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Annie's Mailbox

Mom-in-Law with Sticky Fingers

Dear Annie: Shortly after I met my mother-in-law, she sat me down, showed me her wallet and told me that she always kept a "hundred dollar bill" in the little outside pocket, as well as a blank check folded up inside one of the credit card slots. She said she did this just in case she got mugged in big 'ole Houston. She sounded like a smart lady, and I was tempted to do the same, but she was too keen every time we visited to see my wallet. She was grooming me so she could steal from me!
I began observing better hygiene with my bags and used a little lock on my purse, just when we visited her. The gloves came off very quickly when my mother-in-law couldn't get into my bag for swag. She began tripping me and hitting me "accidentally." My husband and I have much

more to lose to identity theft now, so I had to quit visiting. -- Suspicious Daughter-in-Law

Dear Daughter-in-Law: Your mother-in-law sounds like a con artist. You were smart to trust your instincts and lock your purse. Keeping a distance from her is wise; however, you should have a frank conversation with your husband about encouraging his mother to seek professional counseling for her stealing before she ends up in jail.

Dear Annie: You are often asked questions about telling a person the truth, changing the subject or pursuing other forms of avoidance. Here is what I try to do, as best as possible, following the "five levels of truth-telling."
First, tell the truth to yourself about yourself. Second, tell the truth about yourself to another. Third, tell the truth about another to your-

self. Fourth, tell the truth about another to the other. Fifth, tell the truth about everything to everybody. This way, you don't deprive another of how they would choose to react if they knew all the facts. I just wanted to share this with your readers, for what this is worth. -- Tell the Truth

Dear Tell the Truth: These are great suggestions. The best part is that this system of truth-telling has you always being honest with yourself first. Being aware of your strengths and shortcomings is one of the greatest gifts you can give to yourself and to the people around you, especially the ones you love.

Dear Annie: Several days ago, you printed a letter from a person who was worried about becoming 40. She was concerned about the way her life was going. I didn't have trouble with 40. My problem was with

turning 30. I had been married for five years and had two children. I realized my marriage had been a mistake. I chose to stay because the children were small, and I felt it would be hard to find a job and child care. I decided to wait and see what would happen. The marriage lasted 16 years. If I had it to do over again, I would not have married. At least not to this man. -- Older and Wiser

Dear Older and Wiser: I am sorry that your marriage didn't work out. The blessing in all of this is the two children that you had as a result of your marriage. May you find happiness.

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